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Senior Housing Concerns Thwart Merwick Proposal

Following concerns over the need for increased senior housing, and worries over the use of Princeton HealthCare System's Merwick Care Center site in the immediate future, Borough Council last Tuesday killed the proposed establishment of mixed-use zoning on the Merwick site on Bayard Lane in the Borough, and on the nearby YM/WCA and Stanworth sites.

The entire area, covering roughly 30 acres, represents some of the last undeveloped land in downtown Princeton. Borough Council last examined proposed zoning there in October. The rejection of the proposed zoning is the latest chapter in a four-year process whereby Princeton HealthCare System, the corporate parent of Merwick and University Medical Center at Princeton, plans to sell both sites for the purpose of developing a new campus on roughly 50 acres in Plainsboro.

Princeton University, the contract purchaser of the nine-acre Merwick site and owner of Stanworth housing tract, has indicated that it would turn Merwick into graduate and faculty housing. But calls for senior housing dominated the discussion last week, and although Council offered a tacit rejection in October of senior housing on the Merwick site, suggesting that the market would place middle income residents in the planned housing units on the University Medical Center at Princeton site once the hospital relocates, Council thwarted the zoning plan, which had been expected to pass. The failure of the zoning proposal, by a 3-2 vote, does not appear to have seriously threatened the sale of the Merwick property, but it was considered something of a setback for Princeton HealthCare System, Princeton University, and proponents of the zone, which would allow for a combination of housing types and uses.

"If you want to provide for seniors, then I suggest you proceed with this ordinance," said Marvin Reed, a former Princeton Borough mayor who chairs the Regional Planning Board of Princeton's Master Plan Subcommittee. Mr. Reed suggested that if Council were to push for senior housing, it could be done through overlay zones, and density bonuses for developers.

Planning Director Lee Solow appeared to indicate that Merwick would not be the right place for senior housing, saying that it would be "easy" to change the zoning at the hospital's Witherspoon campus

Quinn, Bliss, Haughton Elected; Budget Passes

Voters in the Township and Borough approved the Princeton Regional Board of Education's \$72,694,856 budget in yesterday's election. In the Township, Walter Bliss was reelected to the school board with 1,021 votes, along with newcomer Dan Haughton, who had 792 to Naomi Perlman's 696. Mr. Haughton will fill the seat occupied by Township resident Jeffrey Spear, who stepped down after nine years on the board. Tim Quinn, who ran unopposed for the single vacant seat representing the Borough, received 421 votes. The board will hold its next meeting on April 22. All three will serve three-year terms.

In the Township 1095 voted for the budget, with 468 voting against it. Borough voters endorsed the budget 324 to 249. More than the usual amount of anxiety attended this year's budget vote, a consequence of the rejection of last year's proposed budget. In her recent presentations of this year's budget, PRS Superintendent Judy Wilson was careful to emphasize that this year's suggested 3.32 percent total tax increase fell below the state's suggested 4 percent cap,

and that a considerable effort had been made to make it as economical as possible without sacrificing excellence in education.

The \$57 million tax levy that will now be imposed to support the 2008-2009 budget was based on property values. It will translate into an increase of \$332 per year for the average Borough homeowner with a property valued at \$349,000, or an increase of nine cents to \$1.965 for every \$100 of assessed property value, and a \$45 decrease per year for the average Township homeowner, with a property valued at \$431,000 — a one-cent decrease to \$1.6997 for every

\$100 of assessed property value. The proposed \$56,965,650 tax levy will be added to other fund balances, tuition expenses, state aid, and charter school aid, resulting in the \$72.5 million operating budget for the upcoming school year.

Sounding a hopeful note about the work that lies ahead, Mr. Quinn said, "I'm honored by the support I've received from the voters and look forward to working with my fellow board members and with administrators, teachers, parents and all in our community who are committed to excellent public education for every student."

—Elten Gilbert

Petition Seeks Larger PU Tax Assessment; Ad Hoc PCDO Subcommittee Weighs In

A petition being circulated by a handful of residents and at least one member of Borough Council is looking to local, county, and state elected officials to urge Princeton University to renegotiate its current in-lieu payment to the Borough, as well as removing the "unfair real property tax burden" on municipalities with large portions of land occupied by not-for-profit, tax-exempt institutions.

The petition takes particular aim at Princeton University's older infrastructure, saying that while all of the University's older buildings carry an assessed value on the tax rolls, most of them are tax exempt. The value of newer buildings on campus was vetted and assessed through the construction permit process.

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LAUNCHING THE "FREE B": The Princeton Borough community jitney, Free B, was officially launched Monday. Permanent "B" signs have been installed indicating stops along the route, including stops at the Dinky Station, Suzanne Patterson Senior Center and the Princeton Public Library, but riders can flag down the jitney at any point. Pictured from left are Borough Councilwoman Barbara Trelstad, former Borough Councilwoman Wendy Benchley, Council President Peggy Karcher, Mayor Mildred Trotman, Councilman Roger Martindell, Princeton University Vice President and Secretary Robert Durkee, University Director of Parking and Transportation Kim Jackson, Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi, and University Director of Community and Regional Affairs Kristin Appelget. The jitney is free to all riders.

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PRINCETON IN BLOOM: As another spring comes to Witherspoon Street, the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is looking to increase public awareness of its role during Emergency Medical Services Week, May 18 through May 24.

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First Aid & Rescue Squad Eyes Volunteerism In Carrying on 40-Year In-town Tradition

This is part two in a series on volunteer-based institutions in the Princeton community.

The brick facility on Harrison Street that houses the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad (PFARS) looks all of its 40-plus years. The squad's trucks have

outgrown the facility, with two vehicles parked outside because of lack of space, and the emergency vehicles themselves retrofitted to the measure of slender stalls designed for engines of a different era.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad, along with the three Princeton fire companies, is one of the proudest volunteer outfits in Princeton. And lest we forget, as the placard placed on the squad headquarter's facade reads, PFARS is a necessity for the community.

With Emergency Medical Services Week coming up May 18 through May 24, PFARS is looking to increase public awareness of its role as well as its fund-raising and volunteer recruitment.

A relatively new function of emergency response carries on a service that used to be provided by area funeral homes. Sponsored by the American College of Emergency Physicians, EMS Week looks to draw much-needed attention to rescue squads.

"EMS is fairly new," said Frank Setnicky, PFARS director and 20-year member of the squad's day crew. "Fire and police have always been there, but EMS is still considered to be one of the new kids on the block. We have to raise awareness about who we are."

With annual call volume growth at roughly five percent, and with an average of seven calls per day, often coming in simultaneously, PFARS is one of a handful of long-time, volunteer-based institutions struggling with recruitment in recent years, particularly when it comes to enlisting civilians.

PFARS has benefited from a continually replenished stock of Princeton University students, often pre-med, Mr. Setnicky said, but with increasing administrative demands and increases in call volume, the amount of time available for members to contribute to administrative functions, including fund-raising and recruitment, is decreasing.

Between 1999 and 2007, the number of donors has decreased by nearly 50 percent, with actual dollars raised showing an equally alarming trend. After fund-raising peaked at \$180,000 in 2002, funds have steadily declined during that same eight-year time frame, with the squad raising a mere

\$145,000 in 2007.

The decline forced PFARS to start billing patients' insurance carriers in January 2006. That billing income, along with fund drive financing and municipal support, makes up the bulk of the squad's financial foundation.

Meanwhile, PFARS is conducting a feasibility study examining the need for possible expansion of the current 4,600-square-foot headquarters, or even outright relocation. "We're trying to find out what our space needs will be," said PFARS Vice President Peter Simon, who added that a "whole gamut of scenarios" is being factored into the

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First Aid & Rescue

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study. Mr. Simon did say that the squad would need an estimated 17,000 square feet in a new facility. "We're still awaiting the results, but basically it's about rebuilding where we are now, or looking at other pieces of property, and if so, how big do they need to be in order for us to do what we need to do?"

Remaining in a central location, Mr. Simon asserted, is imperative: "If we're all the way on one corner of town, then response times to the other corner of town will be significantly larger." Being at a central location, Mr. Setnick said, could also continue to help with volunteer recruitment from within Princeton. "We need community members; we need people who live in the community to volunteer. The University has been great with the squad, but we need people who live in town," he said.

As is the case with the Princeton Fire Department, however, finding volunteers for what has traditionally been a blue collar institution gets harder in towns like Princeton, where blue collars are fading fast to white. "It's a big difficulty, quite honestly," Mr. Simon said. "If you say 'the Rescue Squad has 60 volunteers,' that's a bit misleading, because many of those 60 are associate volunteers who may only take one shift a month, and most of our volunteers take about five shifts a month. "When you start looking at the number of people who are riding consistently, it's a smaller number," Mr. Simon added.

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—Matthew Hersh

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Lambert Withdraws From Township Race; Primary, General Election, Virtually Decided

Democrat Karen C. "Casey" Lambert announced Monday that she would end her campaign for a seat on Princeton Township Committee, leaving the once-complex three-way primary race that had party organizers somewhat divided into an unchallenged contest.

Ms. Lambert's husband, Sam, suffered a heart attack while the couple was in Maine. Mr. Lambert has undergone surgery and is expected to recover; however, these next six weeks leading up to the June 3 primary election are crucial, and Ms. Lambert said that she would devote her time to her family.

"It is with sadness that I withdraw from my campaign for Township Committee, but making sure that my husband Sam has a full recovery from the heart attack he suffered over the weekend is my sole priority right now," Ms. Lambert said in a statement issued by her campaign. Ms. Lambert, 67, who announced her candidacy in February, served on the Township's governing body from 2002 to 2004 and sought reelection in light of recent rezoning along the Princeton Ridge to make way for senior housing. Ms. Lambert has held a seat on the Princeton Environmental Commission and had been involved with the Campaign to Save Princeton Ridge. "I want senior housing. I simply do not want it on the Ridge," Ms. Lambert told Town Topics during a February interview, pointing to potential development opportunities at the Princeton Shopping Center and the Valley Road building.

The North Road resident did not discount the possibility of running again in the future: "I have full faith that we will be hale and hearty once again but I cannot continue to campaign while he needs my undivided attention and support. It is my fervent hope that the issues I raised in my campaign over the past few months will bear fruit when the new Township Committee convenes in January. My thanks go to all the wonderful friends and supporters who urged me to run and counseled me so wisely. I care deeply about my community and hope to see a new day of proactive and responsive governance in all areas come January," she said in her statement. With Ms. Lambert's withdrawal,

the race for two seats on Township Committee is now all but decided. Incumbent Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller is seeking a third term on Committee, and Sue Nemeth is looking toward a first term. No Republicans filed for candidacy upon the filing deadline of April 7.

—Matthew Hersh

Stuart Presents Forum On Women in Leadership
The Women in Leadership Forum at Stuart Country Day School will present "Women Shaping the Media: Four Unique Perspectives" on Thursday, April 17 in the school's Cor Unum at 7 p.m. Bloomberg's "Morning Call" anchor Carol Massar, Co-founder and Executive Vice President of MIO.TV, Jenny Alonzo, ABC News Producer Justine Schiro,

and Caroline McCarthy, a New York-based staff writer for CNET News.com., will discuss their careers at the event, which is open to the public.

The town hall format of the evening will feature an interactive question and answer session with students. Veteran news reporter Nora Muchanic, of ABC's Philadelphia affiliate WPVI-TV, will moderate this portion of the event.

For Ms. McCarthy, the appearance will be a return visit. She graduated from Stuart in 2002, and attended Princeton University, where she was a member of the varsity lightweight crew team, and media coordinator for one of the university's environmental action groups. She graduated in 2006 with a degree in the history of science and a certificate in creative writing.

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to allow for senior housing, adding that the current hospital is an elevator building with a parking garage. "It would be better than Merwick," he said.

But Councilwoman Barbara Trelstad, who, along with Councilman Roger Martindell and Councilman Kevin Wilkes, voted against the measure, said that the Merwick site would be "perfect" for senior housing, while voicing concern that even though Princeton University is slated to purchase the Merwick site, it is not included in the recently released Princeton University campus plan. "I'm perplexed that Princeton University has not outlined this."

Mike McKay, the University's vice president of Facilities, confirmed that there were not "specific" immediate plans for developing Merwick, but that the University would maintain and secure the site in the interim. He added that the University has been "clear that we are going to develop housing for faculty and staff."

Councilman Andrew Koontz and Council President Peggy Karcher voted in favor of the proposed zoning; Mayor Mildred Trotman has recused herself from the hearings because her son works for Princeton House, a division of Princeton HealthCare System. Councilman David Goldfarb recused himself because he works for the law firm Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP, as does Richard Goldman, who is an attorney representing the University for the Merwick project.

Council could examine a revised zoning ordinance in the coming months.

—Matthew Hersh

The Hun School Parents Donate \$175,000

The Parents' Association of the Hun School of Princeton recently presented a check in the amount of \$175,000 to Headmaster James M. Byer '62. The funds were raised primarily through the School's annual Fall Gala and Live Auction.

The School will use the gift to fund a variety of programs and technologies, including the purchase of additional SmartBoards for classrooms, fees for guest speakers and performers, support for education and service oriented trips, financial aid, and professional development programs for faculty. In the past, the Parents' Association has helped initiate and fund new programs such as the forensics club.

Other Parents' Association-sponsored events to raise money for the school include the Golf and Tennis Outing, scheduled for May 12

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— Fred Appel, with Sapphy, Harris Road



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Bill Frist Talks With PHS Students About His "Unconventional Life"

Noting that he was the most junior member of the Senate when his Republican colleagues unanimously made him the 18th majority leader in 2002, just eight years after his election and with less total time served in Congress than anyone ever to hold the position, Bill Frist recently spoke with Princeton High School students about his "unconventional approach to life."

Mr. Frist's visit to the high school was the result of meeting PHS junior Connor Ryan, who, as an organizer of the PHS's Republican club, had been invited to a function sponsored by Republican students at Princeton University last fall. Connor invited Mr. Frist to speak at the high school and the result, several months in the planning, was last week's session in the high school's Black Box Theater with several 8th period U.S. History classes in attendance.

Connor, who has a particular interest in politics and current affairs, introduced Mr. Frist with an account of the former Senator's educational and professional achievements. Mr. Frist picked up where Connor left off, describing his training and practice as a cardio-thoracic transplant surgeon. "I gave them life," he said of the patients he treated. Mr. Frist went on to talk about how he decided to run for public office in 1994 as a candidate for senator from Tennessee, at the unlikely age of 39. Lots of people said he was "crazy" for doing it, he noted, but he thought otherwise, describing becoming an elected official as "extending healing" from "one-on-one, to one-on-many." He attributed his quick rise as a Senator to "not being very smart, but working very hard."

According to Mr. Frist, his untraditional attitude toward life was reflected again in his decision to leave the Senate after 12 years, unlike "career politicians" who keep getting re-elected "without thinking about service." A 1974 graduate of Princeton University, Mr. Frist said he is mindful of the school's motto, "Princeton in the nation's service." He said that the current absence in Congress of "citizen-legislators" who come for a finite number of terms is regrettable. "The longer you're in Washington, the more the special interests get to you," he observed.

Mr. Frist, who is now 55, joined the faculty of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International

Affairs last fall, with an appointment for the 2007-08 academic year as the Frederick H. Schultz Class of 1951 Professor of International Economic Policy, with the rank of lecturer on public and international affairs. He taught a graduate course on health policy during the fall semester, and is now teaching an undergraduate course on the same subject. On coming back to his alma mater as a teacher, he said that it was "an honor to return to the Woodrow Wilson School as a member of its distinguished faculty. My journey with the students will bridge the practical and the theoretical as we explore together the new explosion in health diplomacy, the use of medicine as a 'currency for peace,' and health care reform both here at home and abroad."

Health care was very much on Mr. Frist's mind last Tuesday, as he queried students about their knowledge and opinions on the subject. "Where do you think we stand among the 40 developed nations of the world in terms of life expectancy?" he asked. Students suggested a wide range of answers ("17th," "4th") before Mr. Frist offered the correct one: 25th. As for infant mortality, he told his audience, "we are 27th. Why," he went on, "in a country of Nobel laureates, do we fare so poorly?" Students suggested a variety of reasons, including the unevenness of health care services, unhealthy habits (like smoking), the superiority of European medical systems, and the numbers of casualties dying in combat. Mr. Frist responded by citing five main reasons for the lag, with behavioral (e.g., not wearing seat belts) and genetic factors at the top, followed by socio-economic variables, environmental causes, and the quality of available health care.

Reviewed the perspectives of the three current presidential candidates toward U.S. health care, Mr. Frist noted that there are currently 47 million uninsured people and the number is growing. Describing the "three, clear-cut choices" of the candidates (Hillary Clinton endorsing universal health care, Barack Obama touting more choices at lower costs, and John McCain backing privatized, market-based health care), Mr. Frist pointed out that none of the candidates is saying that "we should adopt the German or British health care system." In Britain, he went on, you may need an

emergency heart operation at 8 p.m. but the service will be closed for the day, and you will have to wait until the next day for the procedure. In the U.S.'s current consumer-driven system, he went on, a patient would undergo heart surgery as soon as it was needed, no matter what time of day.

Adding that he has worked with all three candidates and that he respects them all, Mr. Frist said that any of them would make a good president. He believes, however, that Mr. Obama will be the Democratic candidate, and that it's too close to call the race at this point. "Iraq will be there for a long period of time" no matter who is elected," he told students.

Mr. Frist has his own particular connection to Iraq, he said. Years ago as a surgeon, he was called on to operate on a soldier who had been wounded in the chest during a live-fire demonstration at Ft. Campbell in Kentucky. The young soldier whose life Mr. Frist saved that day turned out to be a fellow Princeton alumnus, General David H. Petraeus, now commander of the multi-national forces in Iraq.

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"I am pleased that our residents will be able to, once again, park in the Borough's parking garage, for up to two hours at no out-of-pocket expense" said Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand. Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman concurred, saying, "We welcome our residents

back to using our garage, for up to two hours of subsidized parking, while using our wonderful library."

The parking lot in question is the Spring Street municipal garage, operated by the borough and located adjacent to the library. Drivers can enter the lot from Spring Street or through the library access driveway off Wiggins Street. Parking in the lot was free when the "new" library reopened, but was rescinded in February of 2007. Statistics showed that library use flagged as a result.

Under the terms of this interim agreement the Township and Borough will increase their 2008 contribution to the library to provide for library parking costs, which will be paid for under the same cost sharing arrangement that covers all other library expenses.

On Thursday Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller said, "The agreement today is an interim measure and the two municipalities will work together over the next eight months to achieve a permanent arrangement that will guarantee the availability of parking for library users well into the future." Borough Council President Peggy Karcher said that she was "quite confident we can reach a long-term agreement to guarantee parking for our library patrons by the end of the year."

Library Director Leslie Burger expressed her "thanks to everyone who worked publicly and behind the scenes to resolve this issue," counseling, "Now tell all your friends and neighbors to come back to the library!"

—Ellen Gilbert

Solar-Powered Bus Visits Princeton Junior School

With Earth Week just around the corner, young graduates of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) recently visited Princeton Junior School, arriving via a vegetable oil and solar powered bus.

The NOLS bus has travelled over 100,000 miles fueled mostly by recycled vegetable oil (RVO) collected by the crews of co-operating restaurants and dining halls along the way. Traveling from city to city nationwide, the bus and its staff offered lessons on alternative energy sources, leadership, back country skills, and environmental ethics.

NOLS graduates spoke to PJS students about alternative energy sources, and Leave No Trace outdoor ethics. The working systems of the bus were explained in age appropriate terms, illustrating the successful use of renewable resources to power the bus. At the end of each session students had an opportunity to climb on the simulated rock wall that is attached to the exterior of the bus.

A PJS Green Celebration will take place at the school on Thursday, April 26.



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Hillier's Greenview Under the Microscope With Concerns About Traffic, Parking

A proposed condominium project along Greenview Avenue in Princeton Borough received heavy scrutiny last Wednesday, with concerned residents packing Borough Hall as the Borough's Zoning Board of Adjustment began its examination of the proposal.

Proposed by architect J. Robert Hillier, the project looks to replace three existing rental properties and a vacant warehouse with a three-story, age-restricted complex comprising 11 market-rate units and three affordable units.

And while the board heard testimony from Mr. Hillier, cross examination from an attorney representing a nearby property owner, and public comment, the four-and-a-half-hour hearing produced few results, with the board expected to revisit the application at an as-yet-determined date.

Without factoring in the price reduction of the affordable units, the market-rate units could reach the \$450,000 to \$700,000 range, Mr. Hillier said, expressing a desire to build within the context of the surrounding area and saying that the building's look and scale would "seamlessly blend into the neighborhood."

Mr. Hillier, a shareholder of Town Topics, Inc., is seeking permission to increase floor-area ratio requirements from 45 percent to 89 percent; increase the coverage area to 38 percent, up from the current 30 percent allowance.

Because the plan calls for far higher density than what is currently there, Mr. Hillier is also asking for an increase in units per acre from the currently allowed 14-unit maximum to 27 units per acre. Mr. Hillier is

also required to increase the allowance for dwellings per unit from the existing three to 14 units.

The building would include a 21-car underground parking garage, and would feature a sod roof.

Attorney Chris DeGrazia, who represents Greenview neighbors Stephen Gates and Julie Fox, cross-examined Mr. Hillier, questioning the planned building's scale in comparison to the rest of the neighborhood, and expressing concern over visitor parking. George Jacquemart, Mr. Hillier's traffic consultant, said that because of the proposal's in-town location, and because of the age of the residents there, less traffic would be generated. "From a traffic impact point of view, this application will be positive," he said. But Tara De La Garza, a resident of nearby Humbert Street, worried that cars turning right off Greenview into the proposed complex would create a bottleneck on Wiggins Street, which runs perpendicular to Greenview. "Is that going to create a jam?" she said. The Zoning Board took no action and no new hearing has been set.

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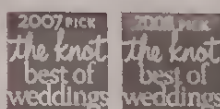
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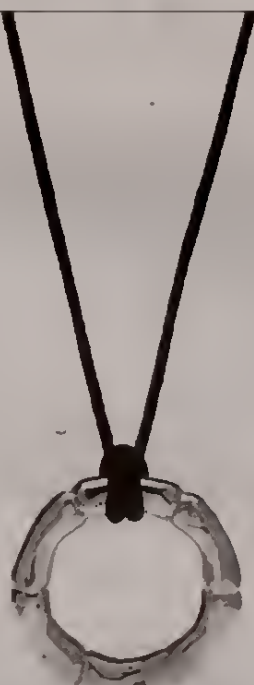
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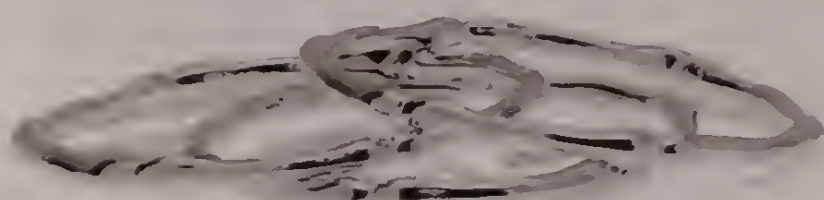
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The Little Green Market That Could: Whole Earth Center Expands Horizons

The Whole Earth at 360 Nassau Street is celebrating its 2,400-square-foot expansion into what used to be Judy's Flower Shop. It may not be one of the big-box markets yet but it has finally answered the needs of its growing client base while retaining the counterculture sensibility that launched it in 1970.

These days, however, the concept of alternative marketing has entered the commercial mainstream. Organic? Local-farmer friendly? Seasonal produce? Solar powered? Check all of the above. LEED? Well, the verdict is still out, but there is a high likelihood that the store will be compliant with the U.S. Green Building Council's environmental and energy design standards.

It wasn't easy though. The

expanded area had been under construction for nearly a year, generating 64,000 pounds of material that, given normal construction circumstances, would have been buried in the ground. Eighty-nine percent of the construction waste was reused creating what is, literally, a healthy building, inside and out. You don't have to change the corporate culture to achieve this type of construction, though it helps to have the right team on board.

"It's really in line with what they've been doing for the past 38 years," said Ronald Berlin, the project's architect. "It's a challenge to design the architecture to accommodate all of these practical considerations, but also have it sort of speak eloquently, modestly, about

the Whole Earth Center."

Now when you walk into the new entrance, you're immediately given the option of heading toward what is termed "live food" freshly made at the deli; off to the left, you can get your bulk food. Further to the left are the produce and other groceries.

While the place hardly resembles, at least visually, the traditional image of Whole Earth Center, the familiar purple sign, with its prominent placement, and the familiar faces inside remind a shopper that this is a cultural event, as well as a retail enterprise. In that regard, it's reminiscent of the Princeton Record Exchange: embracing core clientele, all the while adjusting the business model for contemporary reality.

"You have to up the bar a bit when it comes to bringing a project like this to fruition," said Fran McManus, a long-time market coordinator for Whole Earth.

That includes working with customers and gauging feedback, she added. As for the actual design component, Mr. Berlin pointed to four board members, all with strong ideas, knowledge of history, and a sense of direction.

"There was a real desire to keep this as a simple food store, you know, a market," he said. "For me, this has been a revelation because every day, I go down there and buy food. It's nice to be able to walk into a food store, buy fresh ingredients, and take a seat and enjoy it there." Overlooking Nassau Street, the new dining

area doubles as something of a community room. During any given weekday, the place is packed with moms and strollers, at least until the after-school crowd rolls in. The view of Nassau is through recycled glass from the old flower market, reinforced for safety and increased energy efficiency.

Alex Levine, Whole Earth deli manager and chef, said that the spacious new environs shouldn't put off customers.

"We have more equipment, more room, and overall more capacity to create more food," he said pointing to even the look of the display cases: "Everything befits the food that we're selling here."

An expanded menu, including sandwiches, soups,

and an increased line of deli salads is on the way, Mr. Levine said, but all in good time. There are signature items like the rice and nut loaf, a Whole Earth salad ("Kale and lots of other things," Mr. Levine said) and the shredded veggie salad. It's all organic, and, when possible, locally grown.

Listening to the customer, Mr. Levine said, would be his first priority in these first few weeks of operating in the expanded store. "Every place I've worked in has a culture, and you learn something everywhere, but the culture of this place, coupled with what we can provide to our customers, is truly enjoyable. We have a great group of people here."

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FRESHLY BAKED: Lisbeth Arrué, baker at the Whole Earth Center, shows off a freshly baked batch of cookies. The bakery is just one of a handful of departments that has benefited from Whole Earth's recent expansion.

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Some Like it Cold: Speaker Says Uncooked Food Is the Way to Go

"I never met a bakery I didn't like," admitted holistic health counselor Rochelle Blank during her talk, "Spring into Greens," at the Princeton Public Library last week. Childhood favorites included Yodels and Sara Lee cakes. That fondness became a thing of the past, though, once Ms. Blank adopted a life-style embracing raw food cuisine.

Although she wasn't overweight, Ms. Blank said, she "felt discombobulated all the time," in her sugar-laden days. She found renewed energy as a result of eliminating sugar from her diet completely, and focusing on a plant-based diet. "You're not going to be 20 years younger," said the 51-year old, adding that her goal is simply to be "as healthy as I possibly can be," an objective she shares with clients in her Hightstown-based consulting practice, "A Natural Choice."

Why raw foods? "They're delicious, eco-friendly, and nutritious," said Ms. Blank of the fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, and wheat grass juice that are featured in this style of eating. She makes an exception for honey in her otherwise plant-based diet, and includes "nothing processed or pasteurized." She encourages people not to heat foods any higher than 115-118 degrees, saying that higher

temperatures destroy important enzymes.

The transition to a vegan diet can be incremental, she noted, suggesting that people start by eating less food (particularly less processed food), while incorporating more greens into their diets. "You are what you eat," she said, encouraging people to "listen as if your life depended on it — it does." She credited organic foods with having 25 percent more nutrients than non-organic, making them worth the extra cost.

Asked whether she takes vitamins or nutritional supplements, Ms. Blank said that she "usually doesn't," with the exception of fish oil, the only supplement that got a 100 percent approval rating in the nutritional programs she attended.

The Best Meal

In response to skeptics who may assume that a "live" food diet means giving up savory meals, Ms. Blank declared that she had enjoyed "the best meal" in her life at Pure Food and Wine, a vegan restaurant at 17th Street and Irving Place in Manhattan. (Describing the "versatility" and "blasts of freshness" of the food at Pure Food and Wine, New York Magazine noted that "Pigging out — pardon the expression — won't fatten you up, slow you down, or clog any number of things.")

At-home cooks can be creative, she said, by turning nuts into cheese, zucchini into humus, or creating "raw organic lasagna." Members of the library audience on Thursday sampled chili lime spiced cashew nuts, squash pasta, pesto sauce (sans cheese), and coconut cacao cookies.

"Food is the new medicine," said Ms. Blank, adding that it's "better to look in the fridge than the medicine chest." Raw vegetables are a good defense against allergies, cancer, and obesity, and, she added, "They cleanse the digestive tract, and keep dehydration at bay" in warm weather. "When you eat a dark leafy green vegetable, you're actually giving your body a transfusion," but, she added, be warned: "the result may be severe happiness, abundant health, and longevity."

Ms. Blank's website is at www.a-naturalchoice.com.

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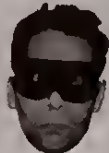
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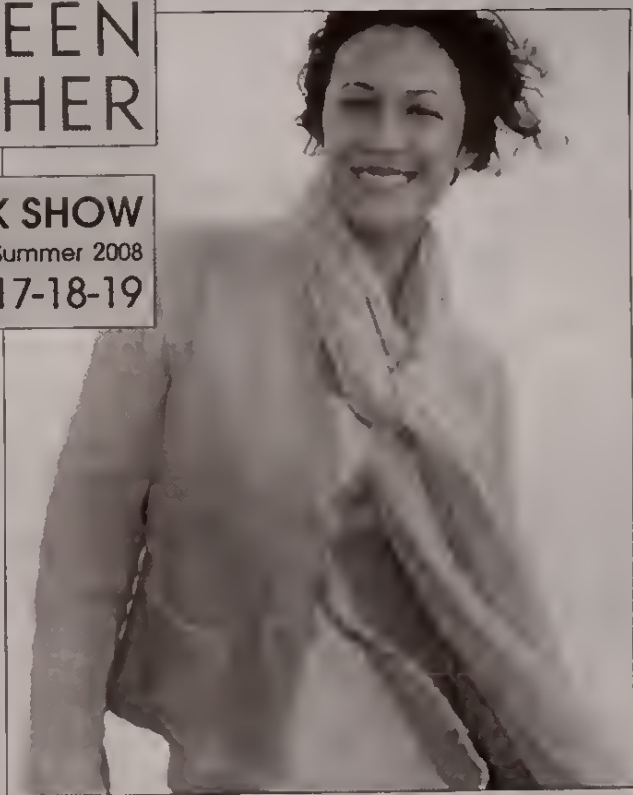


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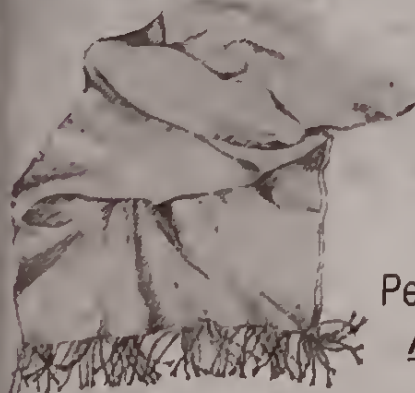
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Tax Assessment

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Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes and 15th District Assemblyman Reed Gusciora, as well as all members of Borough Council, including Roger Martindell, who is said to be circulating the petition, have signed the document. Mr. Martindell, who attended a March 29 Princeton Future meeting where he was gathering signatures, declined comment.

Princeton University holds 42 percent of the real property in Princeton Borough and more than 14 percent of real property in Princeton Township. If the school paid property taxes based on a taxed assessment, the petition contends, property taxes in the Borough would be reduced 24 percent, and by 15 percent in the Township.

Contending that making up the lost revenue "unfairly burdens Princeton residents and businesses," the petition calls for a "fair payment."

A resolution easily passed the executive committee of the Princeton Community Democratic Organization that acknowledges the tax reductions if Princeton University were fully taxed, calls the exemption "unfair, in the case of wealthy, private universities located in communities with high property taxes."

Requiring a college or

university to change its tax structure would be precedent setting, though those pushing the petition appear to indicate a desire to restructure the school's annual in-lieu payments, particularly in the Borough, and to designate a portion of its endowment, close to \$16 billion, for municipal purposes. Endowment funds provide almost no liquidity, however, with monies typically carefully designated for specific purposes, as outlined by the donor.

The PCDO has not sanctioned the petition, PCDO President Jenny Crumiller said Tuesday. Neither Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman nor Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand has reportedly signed the petition.

Robert Durkee, who was part of a panel at the March 29 Princeton Future meeting, pointed to "significant" University contributions to both the Borough and Township, as well as the longstanding policy of keeping faculty, staff, and graduate housing on the tax rolls.

The University and the Borough have a written \$1 million-per-year agreement extending through 2011, though that amount in-

creases each year based on the Borough tax rate and increases upon the establishment of new tax exempt properties. The University, Mr. Durkee said, also makes annual contributions to the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad and for other special purposes, including the planned skate park and Free B, the community jitney.

In 2006, Princeton University paid roughly \$9.5 million in local taxes and is the largest taxpayer in the Princetons.

Mr. Durkee said at the Princeton Future meeting that the University is ready to talk further, and examine other university communities comparable in size to Princeton.

The petition was crafted by the PCDO's Local Issues Committee, an ad hoc group, and is expected to be up for discussion at the PCDO general meeting on June 22. The resolution is expected to be forwarded to the Princeton University trustee board, the Princeton Regional Board of Education, the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and both Princeton governing bodies.

—Matthew Hersh

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- 2 tbsp honey (for a treat, use Manuka or Italian Chestnut honey)

Peel plantains and slice in 1/2-inch diagonal slices. Heat oil in a heavy skillet over low-medium heat. Fry plantain slices for 5 to 10 minutes, turning once or twice until they are crisp and golden brown. Sprinkle coconut and drizzle honey over plantains. Remove from heat and toss with a small spatula until plantains are well-coated with coconut and honey. Serve.

More to come... Watch this space weekly for Princeton's favorite recipes... Provided by Robin Broomer, Town Topics

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DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT: Participants at a Palmer Square "Stand Against Racism" rally at 5 p.m. April 11 included (from left) Maria Juege, representing the Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and Arts Council Founding Director Anne Reeves.

(Photo by Ellen Gilbert)

Births

6 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital
The Princeton Health-Care System has reported 6 births the week of April 4, 2008.

Daughters were born to Lucia Gonzalez-Silva and Florentino Cruz, Princeton, April 4; Dori and Joseph Vales, Princeton, April 5; Saku Iyadural and Sami Ram, Lawrenceville, April 6; Riju and Anoop Kaistha, Lawrenceville, April 7; Venu and Dhimant Shelat, Princeton, April 8; and Lauren and Nicholas Valvanis, Lawrenceville, April 8.

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Mailbox

Resident Is "Disappointed, Embarrassed" By Leniency of Congo Case Settlement

To the Editor:

As a longtime Princeton resident, I am disappointed and rather embarrassed by the easy terms of the deal offered to Mr. and Mrs. James by the Mercer County Superior Court in the Congo case. From the very beginning of the Congo campaign, I have been astonished by the public support for Mr. and Mrs. James and the complete disregard shown by many New Jersey residents for the human rights of Mr. Rivera. Mr. and Mrs. James, privileged individuals with an extraordinary sense of entitlement, are, in my opinion, not animal lovers as they have been portrayed. They are, in fact, examples of the types of human beings who should not have companion animals.

The ASPCA, the Humane Society, and every rescue group, shelter, and animal adoption organization in the country have been pleading for many years for humans to spay and vaccinate their companion animals. Rabies is an agonizing, fatal disease that is a health threat both to humans and to animals. As for spay/neuter, we have far too many unwanted, hungry, and abandoned pets in the United States. Most of them are eventually euthanized. The Center for Disease Control reports a nationwide epidemic of dog bites, for the most part by intact male dogs. Congo had not been neutered and apparently none of the James' dogs had been vaccinated against rabies.

If Congo had been the companion animal of a low income African American or Hispanic family and had he, for example, attacked one of the James children or Assemblyman Cohen, this story would have had a very different ending. If Mr. and Mrs. James had not had considerable financial resources, they would most certainly have been required, at the very least, to purchase a "potentially dangerous"

dog license. The court should have mandated that Congo and the other dogs be neutered and vaccinated. In lieu of a fine, the judge might have ordered Mr. and Mrs. James to donate a substantial sum of money towards providing affordable, convenient spay/neuter and vaccination services for the companion animals of the low income residents of Princeton.

I have several companion animals, all of which were rescued. I dedicate a fair amount of my time and money to animal rescue here in Princeton and am a passionate advocate of animal rights. But I believe that the humans who keep companion animals have responsibilities towards those animals, including neutering and vaccinating them, as well as responsibilities towards other human beings and animals that their companion animals could potentially maim or kill. Companion animals should be cherished in their own right. They should not be an extension of their humans' arrogance and sense of privilege.

SHAUN MARMON

Associate Professor, Department of Religion
Princeton University

Flawed Bunn Drive Ordinance Prompted Lawsuit by People for Princeton Ridge

To the Editor:

It seems that the lawsuit filed by People for Princeton Ridge, Inc., against Princeton Township challenging the legality of the Bunn Drive Ordinance passed on January 28 is right on target in its charges.

On March 31, the New Jersey Supreme Court handed down a lengthy opinion in a case disputing the right of a municipality to enforce a "developer's agreement" by which a developer is forced to pay for "off tract improvements" that are not "necessitated" by the impacts of the development itself, and whose costs are not "apportioned ... pro rata" among all similar developers.

Count 3 of the People for Princeton Ridge lawsuit charges Princeton Township with a similar, if not identical, practice for the 3.13-acre parcel on Bunn Drive. The new ordi-

nance reads, "any developer that enters into a Developer's Agreement with the township to provide for the donation of at least three acres of land to the township for future municipal purposes"

This is the kind of deal-making that the state Supreme Court has now judged out of bounds. Many of us knew that the deal was suspect and inappropriately pieced together for a special developer. It is time for the Township Committee to recognize that it responded emotionally in passing this ordinance to help senior citizens remain in the community. Instead, Township Committee has passed a severely flawed ordinance, which will serve people still in their fifties as well as a developer and land owner, while destroying a special environment and putting many Princeton citizens at risk for down-site flooding.

Did you ever wonder who pays for court costs and attorney's fees when a suit is lost by Princeton Township? The costs for both sides will automatically be charged to Princeton Township, meaning us, the taxpaying citizens. The Township Committee should not be putting its residents in fiscal danger with this controversial ordinance. Princeton citizens deserve better than the implementation of an illegal and possibly costly ordinance.

There are five additional counts on which People for Princeton Ridge, Inc., asserts the ordinance to be illegal. This ordinance should be withdrawn, right away, by Township Committee.

RON FLAUGHER
Mt. Lucas Road

To the Editor:

Susan Loew's recent opinion on the current ridge overlay lawsuit (Town Topics Mailbox, April 9) misses the mark in several key respects.

While opposition to the Township's plan to sacrifice the environment in this critical area was widespread, and included regional residents, the People for Princeton Ridge, plaintiff in the suit, is very much a hometown group. Having observed and opposed the Township's determined if misguided efforts to promote development of one of the last wooded sections in Princeton over the past eight years, I can assure Ms. Loew and your readers that this is not an issue raised by out-of-town tree huggers, as she implies.

As a taxpayer in Princeton, I am less than pleased to be paying for both the suit and the Township's defense of it; but the argument that buying the property is a better use of our funds is a specious one. The Township's zoning overlay has imposed an artificial value on the land that puts it out of the reach of either concerned citizens or most non-profits, and only deep pocket developers like Mr. Hillier can exert an influence.

The Township has created this unfortunate situation. The purpose of the lawsuit is to correct the flawed planning approach they have pursued, and if it means a drawn out legal battle, so be it. Ms. Loew may be ready to give up on the ridge, but there are many of us remaining who will step up to defend what's left of it.

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Novelist Vargas Llosa's Visit Caps University Lecture Series

Peruvian author Mario Vargas Llosa will deliver the final talk in the Princeton University Public Lectures Series. One of the most influential Latin American writers and a one-time candidate for the Peruvian presidency, he will lecture on "Onetti and the Shadows of Faulkner and Borges." The talk will take place in McCosh Hall 50 on the University campus on Tuesday, April 22, at 8 p.m.

Vargas Llosa first attracted international attention with *The Time of the Hero* (published in English in 1966) and *The Green House* (1968). His monumental 1969 novel, *Conversation in the Cathedral*, continued his interest in the theme of political corruption and its impact on individual identity. All three established his reputation as an outspoken social critic. During the next decade he published several more works, including *Copito Pontojo* and the *Special Service* (1972), a short humorous novel, and *Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter* (1977). His fourth major novel, *The War of the End of the World* (1981), based on an incident in 19th-century Brazilian history, examined the themes of violence and fanaticism.

Vargas Llosa's interest in political life culminated in an unsuccessful run for the Peruvian presidency in 1990 as the Frente Democrático coalition's candidate. Among his recent books are *The Feast of the Goat* (2000) which dealt with the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic, and *The Bad Girl* (2006), which is about the decades-long obsession of its narrator, a Peruvian expatriate, with a woman with whom he fell in love when both were teenagers. *The Feast of the Goat* received positive reviews in Spain and Latin America and is regarded as one of his best works. His

novels, short stories, and essays have been translated into many languages, and he has been the recipient of numerous literary awards, including the 1994 Cervantes Prize, the most prestigious award for Spanish-language literature. He has taught at various universities including the University of London, Columbia, Princeton, Harvard, and Georgetown. Uruguayan novelist Juan Carlos Onetti, a 1980 winner of the Cervantes Prize, is the subject of the lecture, which is about the relationship of his work to the writing of William Faulkner and Jorge Luis Borges.

Funded by the Spencer Trask Fund, the lecture is free and open to the public. For more information about the public lecture series, see <http://lectures.princeton.edu>.

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Ms. Minick, who teaches English at Voorhees High School, was raised in Glen Gardner and has lived in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, and Michigan. She completed a master's degree in fine arts at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo and has published poetry in *Miller's Pond*, *Poetry International*, *Chachalaca Poetry Review* and *Daedalus*.

Poems by Ms. Salvatore have recently appeared in *The Cortland Review*, *The Literary Review* and *The Edison Literary Review*. A recipient of a 2005 Fellowship from the New Jersey State Council of the Arts, she is currently an adjunct professor of writing at Richard Stockton College and teaches English and creative writing at Egg Harbor Township High School.

The U.S. 1 Poets Invite brings some of the region's top poets to Princeton Public Library for monthly readings and open mic sessions. Co-sponsored by the library and U.S. 1 Poets' Cooperative, the series is coordinated by poet and editor Lois Marie Harrod.

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Mr. Appiah urges that the relation between empirical research and morality, now so often antagonistic, should be seen in terms of dialogue, not contest. And he shows how experimental philosophy, far from being something new, is actually as old as philosophy itself. Beyond illuminating debates about the connection between psychology and ethics, intuition and theory, his book helps readers to rethink the very nature of the philosophical enterprise.

Kwame Anthony Appiah is Laurance S. Rockefeller University Professor of Philosophy and the Center for Human Values at Princeton University. His other books include *The Ethics of Identity* and *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers*.

Labyrinth Books is at 122 Nassau Street. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 497-1600.

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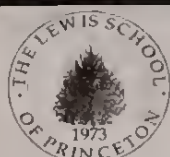
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ART REVIEW

University Medical Center at Princeton

Art vs. Illness: The Redefining of Disability

Disability" is one of those words that lends itself to being deconstructed and redefined. As you walk through the ArtFirst! show at the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP), you'll see how almost 90 different artists struggling with disabilities have effectively taken the word apart by creating a world of impressively enabled work.

"Keep Working"

Following the adventurous course of this exhibit, for which a map is provided to help visitors navigate the twists and turns it takes down hallways and into corners and alcoves of the lobby floor, I was thinking of two artists, lifelong friends who came of age in the 1920s and continued working into the 1980s. Until they were in their seventies, neither painter suffered from any "disabilities" beyond coping with the Depression, the Second World War, and, in one case, the stress of dealing with the trials and tribulations of parenting. That particular painter, the most celebrated of the two, took the subway every day from her home in Riverdale to a studio on Union Square. Even when she was stricken with Parkinson's disease and was confined to her home, she kept painting. She outlived her old friend, who was still working right up to the day the ambulance took him to St. Vincent's after he collapsed in his studio, also on Union Square. When he was in his early thirties he earned the plum of all WPA commissions, the painting of the murals in the rotunda of the main branch of the New York Public Library. During the war he was an artist correspondent for Life magazine, and was awarded a Purple Heart after being wounded covering the Italian campaign. These two painters lived according to the advice that had been handed down to them by their mentor, Kenneth Hayes Miller, which was to keep working even when you're ill — "as long as you can hold the brush."

Probably the ultimate example of creating against odds is Jean-Dominique Bauby's accomplishment in *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*, which should be out soon on DVD, if it isn't already. There are quadriplegics among the artists in the UMCP show, and while no one approaches the condition of Bauby, two of them painted with the brush in their mouths and another with his right foot. A fairly large percentage of the ArtFirst! artists were severely disabled in accidents, some in cars, one on a plane, some when they were at work. Several have suffered the effects of polio and yet others work, as did my friend, in spite of Parkinson's. Some were in the middle of productive lives when they were stricken with mental illness, torn by schizophrenia, or devastated by depression or post-traumatic stress disorder. A number are legally blind. There are amputees, autistics, hearing impaired, mutes. Others suffer from chronic pain or MS. And all that seems like so much dust in the wind when you look at what they have created.

I'm glad I didn't pick up the exhibit booklet (available at the reception desk) until

I'd finished touring the show because one of the things that makes ArtFirst! special is the sense that you're operating outside the usual gallery/museum boundaries. Instead of being sealed into a closed aesthetic environment where the subject or theme is one among an ongoing series organized by a curator, you're surrounded by the real-world bustle of a busy hospital.

While the exhibit guide invites you to "redefine your perception of people with disabilities," what is no less important is the way the show redefines and clarifies your perception of the art. That's what it's all about, as the brochure concludes: "It is the art, first!" Or, if you like, "It's the art, stupid!" Here it's a wildly varied exhibit unmarred by known quantities such as celebrated or critically established artists or fashionable genres or standard curatorial commentaries. Here it's truly art for art's sake, free of the usual predeterminations and distractions. Of course there are distractions of another sort in the form of the everyday hospital traffic of patients in wheelchairs, or stretched out on gurneys being wheeled through the corridors of this unconventional gallery.

Subtle Colors

You may find it instructive to use certain artworks as a way of measuring your response against that of the jurors, artists Tony LaSalle and Gordon Haas. At one point I was struck by the proximity of two works by Ruth McDowell to a prize-winning piece that at first seemed to me to be less accomplished. As I remember it, the jurors' choice was bolder and brighter but also less finished. In addition to the detail and the formal intricacy, what attracted me to *Alders* (an acrylic) was the softer, more subtle coloring. It's even possible that I connected with it because its colors reflected those of the sweater I was wearing, or maybe it was because the tone or hue recalled some familiar landscape. As for Ruth McDowell's story, she's 80, and, according to the booklet, "uses her art to inform the public about mental ill-

ness" and "to lessen the stigma associated with her bipolar disorder." If I'd known this at the time I saw her work, would it have affected my response? I doubt it. But it would have been a distraction. It was only after I'd been through the exhibit making notes that I looked up the personal histories of the artists listed in the exhibit guide.

Art in Action

John Bisbee's *Some Trees*, which took second prize among acrylics and oils, was clearly different from, if not superior to, his *Three Trees*; it would be interesting to know the jurors' rationale for choosing one over the other. *Some Trees* lives up to its more open title; it's wilder, less confined to specifics than *Three Trees*. All Bisbee's acrylics feature thickly, heavily worked surfaces. Seeing the physical impact of the artist in action brought back the time, at 19, when I wandered into a museum in Amsterdam and reeled back into the light of day after an hour of Van Gogh, Van Gogh, and nothing but Van Gogh. The titles didn't matter, nor did the dates, nor did the place or time of day; nothing mattered but the excitement of the paintings. Look up Bisbee's bio and you learn that around the same time he received a scholarship to M.I.T. he was stricken by severe schizophrenia and had to be hospitalized several times over the next eight years. While any association with Van Gogh's purported schizophrenia is coincidental, it makes an interesting subtext to the art.

Photography

Winner of the Juror's Choice Award, photographer Mark Esselin's *Louro 2* offers another opportunity to read the minds of the jurors, since his *Louro 1* features the same subject from another angle. Both these close-ups of a human head are big, bold, striking works of black and white photographic art. In *Louro 2* you see the only the back of the subject's completely bald head; in *Louro 1* you see

a side-view of the face. Perhaps the jurors found *Louro 2* more interesting because it left more to the imagination. Something in the shape of the head and black/white contrast suggests space photography; you can picture an immaculate moonscape. The more impersonal *Louro 2* also emphasizes the starkness of the contrast with the black background as well as reinforcing the possibility that the bald female subject has experienced chemotherapy. That, in turn, recalls the health care context of the exhibit, where the traffic in the halls consists of doctors, interns, nurses, and aides pushing gurneys, wheelchairs, and carts laden with medical paraphernalia.

One of the artists whose work gave me special pleasure was Anita Dallar. Her mixed media collages are as colorful and visually musical as the titles, including *Bluegross*, *Crozy Jozz*, *Donce*, and *Seo of Serpents*, which received an honorable mention in the category Works on Canvas, Board, Metal, and Glass. The artist, who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, cites her influences as history, psychology, and cultural anthropology.

Other favorites: the visual poetry of Leigha Emma Cohen's views of *Carnegie Lake*, one of which took third prize in Photography, and *The Faces of Eve* by Cam Mandakas, first prize winner in Acrylics & Oils. I also enjoyed *Cityscope*, an acrylic by John Sears, *Brooklyn Lights*, an oil by Daniel Neufeld, and *Hex River Valley*, an oil by South African artist Joyce Lichtenstein, who has Princeton connections by way of her brother and sister-in-law.

The Bare Ceiling

At one point, I had to move aside for a gurney bearing the prostrate form of a white-haired man, who reminded me of the white-haired painter lying on his back in the Intensive Care unit at St. Vincent's. The most voluble of men, the person whose credo was to keep working in spite of illness, had been put on life-support and couldn't speak. Since he had nothing to look at but the blank ceiling, I was wishing I could hold a reproduction of Rubens or Courbet or Caravaggio where he could see it. But his friend, the other artist, told me that would probably only make it worse. "It's better to let him imagine it," she said. "That's what he's doing." A day or two before he died, I went to the third-floor rotunda outside the Main Reading Room and sat among the four enormous panels he'd painted back in the late 1930s under the title, *The Story of the Word*. I heard people speculating about the identity of the artist. They seemed to think he'd been dead for decades. While they were gazing wonderingly up at his spectacular ceiling painting of Prometheus bringing the gift of fire to mankind, I was thinking of the white-haired painter staring at the blank ceiling in Intensive Care.

ArtFirst! will be on view daily through May 9 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

—Stuart Mitchner



"CARNEGIE LAKE SUNRISE, FALL": This photographic work by Leigha Emma Cohen, who received third prize in Photography, can be seen in the ArtFirst! exhibition currently at University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP). The Auxiliary has pledged to use the proceeds to support Maternal Child Health at UMCP. The exhibit will continue through May 9, daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call (609) 497-4211.

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Photos of Gehry's Architecture To Be Exhibited at Gallery 14

Gallery 14 is presenting "A Glimmer of Gehry," an exhibit of photographs of the architectural work of Frank Gehry by member Tasha O'Neill in the main gallery. Black and white photographs of Maine by Rachel Mackow will be on view in the Small Gallery. The opening reception for the public will be on April 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. The show will continue through May 18. The artists will be present on April 20 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Once Ms. O'Neill had seen pictures of the curvilinear wonders of the Guggenheim Museum built in Bilbao, Spain, in 1997, she became drawn to Frank Gehry's work. While shooting the last images for her 2007 show "The Intimacy of Flowers," she found a natural segue in the stainless steel curves of the Walt Disney Hall and a year later

was on a quest to explore Seattle's "Experience Music Project" (EMP).

Celebrated as "the new form-giver of our time," the architect has been called a "contemporary Cubist sculptor, using shapes and form unlike anyone in the building of a structure." Wherever his structures are situated, Gehry's use of the "sleek and the gleaming, although industrial materials, partner effectively with Nature," as Ms. O'Neill shows while, in effect, walking the viewer around the buildings.

L.A.'s Disney Hall has "a multitude of faces. One side reminds one of a giant Ark with a prow of gleaming silvery steel jutting out on the busy boulevard." "Tectonic" features huge overlapping plates of steel. "Rippling Mirrors" face a side street reflecting the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, long-time host to the Oscars.

Seattle's EMP is both building and spectacle. Financed by Paul Allen of Microsoft fame, it was built in homage to Jimi Hendrix. Juxtapositions of silver and bronze, silver and pink, purple and deep pastel blue, red and black create "a modern cacophony. Yet it feels sensual and musical as glass meets metal, light adds dimension and it seems to become a living thing in the glow of the setting sun."

Again, every side of the building has its own character. In "Apotheosis," crumpled sheets of silvery steel and bronze dominate an entrance to the museum. In "Wings Ever to Soar," the nacelle of a jet floats in the air. A purple glass wall reflects the tower of the Space Needle in "Into the Wild Blue Yonder." "Dreaming of Skies" offers curves of soft silvery metal shingles next to a pink undulating glass wall.

The EMP is located in a park where the fall colors complement the hues of bronze used in "Rivets and Silk." Thousands of rivets were used in the patchwork quilt of eccentrically shaped metal shingles.

In the Small Gallery

In her show, "Where the Raven Calls," Rachel Mackow displays photographs of eastern Maine, where the coast is "rugged and windswept, while the forest is lush and quiet." Using traditional black and white film and darkroom techniques, she regards "the dramatic and subtle aspects of the landscape: a lone tree against the weather-beaten coast, a delicate funnel-shaped spider web, and the stark light that illuminates the forest."

Ms. Mackow works with a variety of traditional photographic processes: silver gelatin prints, photograms, and hand-tinting with dyes. Her photography has been extensively exhibited with shows at the National Library in Havana, the Queens Museum, and the Center for Photography at Woodstock. Her hand-tinted photographs were published in Harper's Magazine.

Her ongoing project, "The Sourland Mountain," is a portrait of the environment in which she lives and works: a second growth forest in central New Jersey. Her focus is the life cycles of the landscape. The Sourlands series has been exhibited at St. Peter's Church in midtown-Manhattan's Citigroup

Center, Princeton Public Library, and the Johnson Education Center at the D&R Greenway Land Trust.

Now in its sixth season with these two exhibits, Gallery 14 was established in 2001 by a group of central New Jersey photographers and was then the only gallery in New Jersey dedicated solely to photography. It shows

members' works as well as guest photographers from the New York/Philadelphia area. Gallery 14 is also the site of a monthly meeting of local photographers who show their work and invite discussion and criticism in the spirit of increasing their skills and understanding of their own and others' photographic work.

Located at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell, Gallery 14 is open on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 and by appointment.

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"APOTHEOSIS": This "Glimmer of Gehry" is from an exhibit of photographs of the work of architect Frank Gehry by Tasha O'Neill that will open with a reception for the public on April 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. and run through May 18. The artists will be present on April 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. The Gallery is open on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 and by appointment.



"SETTING": This work by photographer Rachel Mackow can be seen in "Where the Raven Calls" in the Small Gallery in Hopewell's Gallery 14 from April 18 through May 18. Open on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 and by appointment, Gallery 14 is located at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell.

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Hope VanCleaf, art teacher
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"LOW TIDE": This oil by Alexander Farnham is part of the Coryell Gallery's "Early Spring Exhibition," which will run through May 11. The gallery is located at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street, Lambertville. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 to 5.



PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION: The Numina Gallery at Princeton High School recently held an opening for an exhibit of art work by seniors. Numina (Latin for "sacred space") is believed to be the only student-run gallery in the nation. Linda Shaw, the Princeton Regional School Supervisor for Visual and Performing Arts said of the art work displayed, "the seniors did a magnificent job." She also lauded the students who mounted the exhibit. (Photo by Ellen Gilbert)

"Early Spring Exhibition" Now at Coryell Gallery

The Coryell Gallery is celebrating an "Early Spring Exhibition" this year featuring paintings by Alexander Farnham from an estate recently settled. Mr. Farnham, of rural Stockton, has exhibited in the gallery since 1981 and is known for his plein air oil paintings stressing the patterns of light and shadow in his architectural paintings and landscapes. The exhibit will run through May 11.

Included in the show will be watercolors by Ranulph Bye (1916-2003), and a casein painting by Katharine Steele Renninger (1925-2004), an oil painting by Louis Bosa (1905-1981), and an oil painting by Mary Hood (1886-1967). Among the other artists exhibiting are Joanne Augustine, Albert L. Bross, Jr., W. Carl Burger, Vincent Ceglia, Marge Chavooshian, Tom Chesar, Harriet Ermentrout, Michael Filipiak, Richard Lennox, Lucy Graves McVicker, Charles Ross, Robert Sakson, Joanne Scott, Nancy Silvia, George Van Hook, and Barbara G. Watts. The show will be introducing Ellen Masko, who will exhibit her collagraphs.

On May 18 through June 29 there will be an exhibit of pastels by Pamela M. Miller and watercolors by Barbara G. Watts, with a reception planned for Sunday, May 18.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street, Lambertville, is in a renovated Sausage Factory, located alongside the Delaware & Raritan Canal. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 to 5. For further information call Janet M. Hunt, director at (609) 397-0804.

A.R.T. Founder Tim Lefens Subject of Upcoming Show

Former Princeton resident Tim Lefens will show large new acrylics at 53 Hulfish Street in "Lefens 2008," which will begin with a reception on Friday, April 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. The paintings of this two day show, made possible by Palmer Square Inc., will be open to the public during the day, Saturday, April 26, from noon to 6 p.m. In the five years since his last solo show, Mr. Lefens has been working with kids and young adults with severe physical challenges in the flagship studio program of A.R.T., the non-profit he created, which is housed at Princeton University's Department of Creative Arts.

"Being in the studio with the kids and young adults we work with, seeing the awesome work they come up with, is the greatest," he said. "But pushing new ideas through the disabilities world can be harsh on the spirit. Like throwing a rock into a mudbank. It can really take the wind out of your sails. I saw that the only way I was going to survive, to be any good to A.R.T., was to get back my own art life, so I'd have something I could commit to with passion, without the enervating resistance of dealing with bureaucrats. You know what I'm saying? When you paint there's nothing standing between you and your vision."

Mr. Lefens has had solo shows at Manhattan galleries including Brooke Alexander,

Farah Damji, Judith Klein, and the 426 West Broadway Gallery. His work has been featured in Art News, American Artist magazine, People magazine, CBS Evening News, and the New York Times. His book, *Flying Colors* (Beacon Press), was named Reader's Digest "Today's Best Nonfiction."

Befriended at age 15 by then Princeton resident, painter Roy Lichtenstein, Mr. Lefens was then mentored by Lichtenstein for the next three decades. Lichtenstein gave A.R.T. its initial seed grant. Later in his career, Mr. Lefens was befriended by the art critic Clement Greenberg, famous for his championing of Jackson Pollock.

"Those were wonderful years," Mr. Lefens said, "being able to bring my work up to Clem's penthouse apartment over Central Park.

Clem was warm and supportive to me and my work. When I whined that few appreciated my paintings he barked at me, 'Forget about it. You're hot. You're on fire!'"

After receiving his BFA from Virginia Commonwealth University, Mr. Lefens did graduate work at Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts.

Lefens' paintings, some as large as 6' x 12', are created with vast vats of tinted acrylic gel, and electric planers and grinders. The work is purely abstract, concerned with elemental power, more so than with contemporary issues.

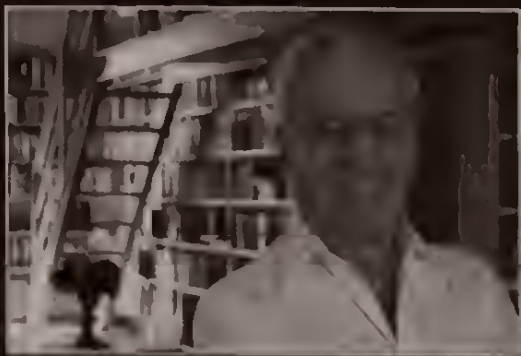
"Tim's work is very physical," collector Suzie Boyd has said. "There is something volcanic inside him, and it's just got to come out."



LEFENS 2008: Founder of A.R.T. Tim Lefens at the studios of Princeton's Department of Creative Arts. He will be showing new work at 53 Hulfish Street in "Lefens 2008," which will begin with a reception on Friday April 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. The two day show will be open to the public during the day, Saturday April 26, from noon to 6 p.m.

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Area Exhibits

Artists' Gallery in Lambertville plans a joint exhibit, with Alan Klawans and Florence Moonan exhibiting their latest "ideas that became art" through May 4. The gallery will be hosting "Green," an art exhibition and sale to benefit the Hunterdon Land Trust on April 19 and 20.

ARTWORKS on Stockton Street in Trenton across from the DMV near the Rt. 1 & 129 on/off ramps is presenting an exhibit of sculptors, all members of the Sculptors Association of New Jersey (SANJ). The exhibit runs through Saturday, April 26.

The Bernstein Gallery is presenting "Art of the Times (times four)," a series of political works by four artists whose work has appeared in various publications including The New York Times, The Washington Post and The New Yorker Magazine. The Op-Ed drawings of Douglas Florian, Brad Holland, Frances Jetter, and Mark Podwal will be on view through May 16. An artist panel discussion will take place at 4:30 on Thursday, May 1, in Bowl 016 on the lower level of Robertson Hall, adjacent to the Bernstein Gallery. A reception will follow in the Gallery at 6 p.m. Gallery hours are 9 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Brodsky Center Gallery at the Heldrich Hotel and Conference Center, 10 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick, is presenting "Passage to Jersey: Women Artists of the South Asian Diaspora in our Midst" through July 31. Featured artists are Siona Benjamin, Anuradha Das, Priya Kambli, Swati Khurana and Ela Shah. The related exhibition, "Tiger by the Tail! Women Artist of India Transforming Culture — Part 1," will be on view, also through July 31, in the Mabel Smith Douglass Room at the Douglass Library, 8 Chapel Drive, New Brunswick.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville is hosting an exhibit of pastels by Pamela M. Miller and watercolors by Barbara G. Watts through June 29, with a reception planned for Sunday, May 18. The gallery is celebrating an "Early Spring Exhibition" featuring paintings by Alexander Farnham that will be on display through May 11.

D&R Greenway in the Johnson Education Center at One Preservation Place in Princeton will host the New Jersey Pastel Painters Society's 2008 Members' Show, "Flora and Fauna in Pastel: Focus on New Jersey," through May 9 in the Marie L. Matthews Gallery. The exhibition can be viewed during business days, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All art is for sale, 35 percent of the proceeds going to support D&R Greenway's land preservation and stewardship mission. In celebration of Earth Day, D&R invites the public to "From Outer Space to Open Space," featuring scientist-in-space, Gregory H. Olsen, Ph.D on Tuesday, April 22, from 4 to 6 p.m., with a reception to follow his talk. First-come, first-served reservations are essential for this free public program: www.drgreenway.org/ or (609) 924-4646.

The Erdman Art Gallery at the Princeton Theological Seminary is presenting "Mi Vida en Guasmo (My Life in Guasmo)," featuring photographs by ten students in Guasmo Sur, a barrio south of the city of Guayaquil, Ecuador, from Monday, April 14 through Friday, May 23.

Firestone Library is presenting an exhibition of rare books, coins, medals and manuscripts, "Numismatics in the Renaissance," in the main gallery through July 20. A show highlighting the artistic collaborations of French poet Paul Eluard and Catalan artist Joan Miró will run through Sunday, June 29, in the Leonard L. Milberg Gallery for the Graphic Arts.

The Gallery at Chapin, 4101 Princeton Pike, will celebrate Earth Month with an exhibition entitled "Two Views of Nature" by photographer Valerie Bowe and sculptor Beverly Fredericks, through May 2.

Gallery 14 at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell is hosting an exhibit of photographs of the architectural work of Frank Gehry by member Tasha O'Neill in the main gallery. In the Small Gallery black and white photographs of Maine by Rachel Mackow are on display. The exhibit opens April 18 with a 6-9 p.m. reception. Meet the Photographers on April 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. The show runs through May 18.

Grounds for Sculpture is presenting "Focus on Sculpture," a juried exhibition of photographs by amateur photographers sharing sculpture as subject matter, through April 27. The Tots on Tour program where 3 to 5 year olds can learn about sculpture through interactive activities takes place the third Saturday of every month, April through October at 11 a.m. Free with park admission, rain or shine. One adult must accompany each child. No reservations are necessary, but space is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register and meet in the Visitors' Center. For more information on Grounds For Sculpture's Special Events, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Gross Center of Visual Arts at The Lawrenceville School is presenting "Modern Times" in the Hutchins Galleries through April 25.

Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street, is presenting an exhibition of Princeton in the 1930s that will run through July. Docent led tours are on Saturdays: May 10, June 14 at 2 p.m. Curator Museum Tours, 300 years of Princeton History, are on Fridays: April 25, May 30 and June 27 at 3 p.m.; Walking Tour of Princeton, 1.9 mile guided tour, allow 2 hours, meet outside at 2 p.m., \$7, \$4 for children 6-12. No reservations. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday 12 to 4 p.m.; free admission, donations accepted. For more information, call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is presenting "Lilli Gettinger: Memory Transformed" through August 3. "Color: Ten African American Artists" will run in the Fred Beans Gallery through July 6. An outdoor sculpture exhibit featuring Susan Opie will run

through June 22. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "New Narratives: Contemporary Art From India," an exhibition of 52 paintings, sculptures, photographs, video, and new media works, through July 31. "Honoré Daumier and La Maison Aubert: Political and Social Satire in Paris" will run through June 1. "Art Nouveau Illuminated: Lamps from the Sigmund Freedman Bequest" will be on view through April 20. "Art for the Dance: Russian Costume and Stage Designs from the Riabov Collection" and "Russian Dance: Selections from the Donation of Herbert and Ruth Schimmel," will be on view through July 31. "From Here to the Horizon: American Landscape Prints from Whistler to Celmins" will run through July 27. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The Jewish Center of Princeton at 435 Nassau Street in Princeton has announced that it's extending the exhibit of paintings by Gilda K. Aronovic in its gallery to April 27.

The Lewis Center for the Arts at 185 Nassau Street is hosting a Senior Thesis Exhibition featuring Paintings by Jessica Thompson '08 and Photography by Alexis Colatos '08 April 15 to 18, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Mariboe Gallery, CAPPS, Peddie School, Ward Avenue in Hightstown is presenting Ryan Rosenberg's paintings and digital graphics through April 18.

The Mercer County Community College Art Gallery is presenting a photo lecture by photographer Eric Kunsman on Thursday, April 24, at 12 noon. The event is presented free to the public as part of MCCC's Distinguished Lecture Series and will be held on Mercer's West Windsor campus in the Communications Building, CM 110, 1200 Old Trenton Road. Applications for this year's Mercer County Teen Arts Festival, scheduled for May 16, are now available for teens, ages 13 to 19, at www.nj.gov/counties/mercerc/commissions/cultural/teen.html. The Mercer County Park Commission is also seeking arts professionals who want to share their talents with middle and high school aged students. These professionals will be asked to lead workshops and critique student work and performances. Interested individuals should contact Katie Babick by calling (609)-989-6060.

Pellegrino/Shill Gallery 204 N. Union Street at Lambertville is presenting collages and paintings with collage by Paul Matthews through May 10.

The Pennswood Village Art Gallery at 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road, Newtown, Pa. (Route 413 South), is presenting Bucks county sculptor George R. Anthonisen, his son, riverscape painter Daniel Anthonisen, and his award-winning puppeteer daughter, Rachel Anthonisen-Gates, in "Three Anthonisens." The show runs through June 1.

The Present Day Club at 12 Stockton Street in Princeton is exhibiting the works of Annette Adrian Hanna through April 28. For more information, call (609) 452-2525.

Princeton Day School is hosting the 2008 Garden State Watercolor Society Member Exhibition in the Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery through April 29, 2008. The exhibition features work by more than 40 artists. The gallery is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors also are welcome to view the exhibit by appointment on weekends. Call (609) 924-6700 or visit www.pds.org.

The Princeton Senior Resource Center is presenting "Old Masters," a group exhibition by senior artists, through May 23.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting through June 8 "Invoking the Comic Muse: Toulouse-Lautrec's Parody of The Sacred Grove," a focus exhibition centered on a painting by Lautrec that simultaneously pokes fun of and pays homage to the winner of the highest prize at the 1884 Salon, Puvion de Chavannes's Sacred Grove Deor to the Arts and Muses. The museum will mark its 125th anniversary with an exhibit of many of its most important works from all areas of the collection in "An Educated Eye: Princeton University Art

Museum Collections," which will be on view through June 15. "Early Warhol In Context" will be on view through June 8. "Polygons to Printmaking: The Work of Frank Stella, 1958-1997" opens on April 12 and will run through June 15.

The Schotland Gallery at 123 Main Street in Flemington will be hosting an exhibition of nautical prints from Princeton area photographer Deborah Land, through May 3.

Small World Coffee at 254 Nassau Street is showing "Nature & Spirit", a 35mm black & white photography exhibit by Central N.J. artist, Lauren Curtis, which will run through May 6. Hours 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Trinity Cathedral at 808 West State Street in Trenton is presenting "Expressions of Hope," featuring artists from Homefront and Partners in Recovery through May 22.

The University League at 171 Broadmead, Room 201, in Princeton is presenting Works by Lu Zuogeng from April 25 through April 27 and May 3 and 4, with a reception from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on April 25. Hours on both weekends are from 2 p.m. through 6 p.m.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Princeton Composer's Opera Premiered In Philadelphia's Kimmel Center

Bringing a new opera from concept to production is a very complicated process, and one which opera companies undertake with great trepidation because of the expense. New York's Metropolitan Opera has taken on a huge challenge with Philip Glass's *Satyagraha*, which opened last week, but commissioning new operatic works is not just for the big boys. Regional companies are making a concerted effort to add to the operatic repertory with lesser-known but equally deserving composers.

Princeton composer Peter Westergaard is no stranger to the operatic genre; his adaptations of *The Tempest* and *Moby Dick* were brought to the stage by Princeton companies. Dr. Westergaard was faced with a new challenge in the fall of 2007, when Philadelphia's Center City Opera commissioned an adaptation of *The Always Present Present*, a collection of letters and poems by Princeton residents and literature mavens Theodore and Renée Weiss. Unlike his other operas, in which he was able to finish the score and then sought a performance venue, Dr. Westergaard was given a deadline for the completion of the score for this production. As described last week in this paper, the operatic treatment of *The Always Present Present* sprang from a longtime friendship between Ms. Weiss (who provided the libretto) and Dr. Westergaard. Sunday afternoon's workshop/performance in the Innovation Studio of Philadelphia's Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts showed a one-act operatic work-in-progress, but one which has made its way through the compositional process with care and an eye toward creating a musical product which works.

The Kimmel Center's Innovation Studio was designed as a small space for experimental productions and the 75 or so seats in the room quickly filled with friends of both composer and librettist. The room was also designed as a chorus rehearsal hall, and soprano Shira Lissek and baritone Jason Switzer, singing the roles of R and T (representing the Weisses) had no trouble conveying text and music.

The Always Present Present was conceived in its operatic form for two singers, two instrumentalists, and two dancers, with each pair conveying a level of

communication between the couple in the style of a memory play. Ms. Lissek and Mr. Switzer took their places dressed in clothes replicating their collegiate lives in the late 1930s and sat at simple desks and chairs, reliving one-and-a-half years of their lives condensed into a 50-minute opera. The two instrumentalists, violinists Yuri Segawa and cellist Anamarie Achitei, along with pianist Jody Schum, created a musical atmosphere to match each of the letters and each crisis which the young couple faced. There were no dancers for Sunday's performance, but when added, the dancers will also reflect each character's image of the other.

With only three instruments and two singers to worry about, Dr. Westergaard composed music which was intricate but easy to listen to. Both singers seemed to sing their parts with ease, with Mr. Switzer especially resonant in the space. Ms. Lissek presented a light-hearted character, giving the impression that she was a lot of fun, and Mr. Switzer conveyed devotion to his character wife. Both characters mixed spoken and sung text well, and all three instrumentalists added effective musical touches to the scenes.

Even after decades of composing in all genres, Dr. Westergaard claimed this opera taught him new tricks. Music replicating 1930s New York City jazz permeated one scene and the final wedding scene was marked by klezmer effects from the violin and cello, both styles which Dr. Westergaard said were relatively new to him. For the final wedding scene, the composer was apparently inspired in part by the music of Abe Schwartz, an early twentieth-century violinist dubbed the "Klezmer King."

Renée and Theodore Weiss' life and love were from another era, reminiscent of a time when people took creative artists under their wing, presenting them in soirées and through publication. The Weisses introduced many writers to the public, and the operatic interpretation of *The Always Present Present* effectively offered a slice of what was behind the literature. This opera is apparently bound for full stage production next fall by Center City Opera, certainly a major coup for one of Princeton's most esteemed composers.

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State Theatre to Present Chamber Orchestra

New York's Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, in the midst of a coast-to-coast U.S. tour, will stop at New Brunswick's State Theatre on Thursday, May 8 at 8 p.m. The concert will feature the renowned 21-year-old violinist Sarah Chang.

The program will include works by Respighi, Wuorinen, and Vivaldi.

Founded in 1972, the Grammy Award winning Orpheus Chamber Orchestra is based on the concept of musician-led performances. For each individual work, orchestra members select the concertmaster and the principal players for each section. This artist-based philosophy has led to 35 years of performing and recording, marked by more than 70 albums, international touring, and many collaborations. The orchestra conducts sessions with students at the Juilliard School and Manhattan School of Music.

Ms. Chang is recognized as one of classical music's most captivating and gifted

performers. Appearing on the orchestral scene as a musical prodigy, she has continued to astonish audiences with her blend of technical virtuosity and emotional interpretation while collaborating with orchestras in Asia, Europe, and the Americas. In 1999 she received the prestigious Avery Fisher Prize. Her most recent album of Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* with Orpheus was released in the fall of 2007.

A complimentary pre-performance "Insight" for ticket holders will begin at 7 p.m. at New Brunswick's United Methodist Church. The speaker, Raymond Wojcik, will discuss the contrasting compositional styles on the program. Musical evocations of birds and nature will dominate the evening.

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Andrew Megill

"A Feast of Madrigals" On Westminster Program

Westminster Kantorei, conducted by Andrew Megill, will present a "Feast of Madrigals" this Friday, April 18 at 8 p.m. in Bristol Chapel at Westminster Choir College. The concert will feature songs of love, tracing the history of the madrigal from early 15th century Italy to modern America. It will feature works by Italian composers Aradelt, Marenzio, Monteverdi, and Gesualdo, and by English composers Weelkes, Wilbye, and Morley.

Specializing in vocal music of the Renaissance and Baroque eras, Westminster Kantorei is a chamber choir of Westminster Choir College students.

Mr. Megill, a member of the Westminster faculty, is known for his wide-ranging repertoire, extending from early music to newly-composed works. He is also associate conductor and di-

rector of choral activities for the Carmel Bach Festival in Carmel, Calif. Since 1989, he has served as artistic director of Westminster's Fuma Sacra ensemble, specializing in Renaissance and Baroque vocal music. He also serves as director of Morristown's Masterwork Chorus and as chorusmaster for the operas of the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, S.C.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. To order, call the box office at (609) 921-2663.

McCarter Theatre to Offer Chamber Ensemble Tashi

McCarter Theatre will present the 30-year reunion concert of the acclaimed chamber ensemble Tashi on Thursday, April 24 at 8 p.m., celebrating the centenaries of Olivier Messiaen and Elliott Carter.

In the 1970s, pianist Peter Serkin, clarinetist Richard Stoltzman, violinist Ida Kavafian, and cellist Fred Sherry made musical history with their groundbreaking chamber music ensemble Tashi (Tibetan for "good fortune"). Now, 30 years later, the ensemble has reunited to play concerts in New York, Boston, Chicago, and Princeton.

The program will include Messiaen's *Quartet for the End of Time*, called "the most ethereally beautiful music of the twentieth century" by Alex Ross of *The New Yorker*.

The ensemble was formed because the four musicians were so moved by Messiaen's work that they wanted to share it with others. Their New York debut in

March 1973 for The Schneider Concerts at The New School, subsequent performances, and RCA recording of the work were catalysts in establishing the *Quartet for the End of Time* as a chamber music masterpiece.

Tickets are \$37, \$40 and \$46, with \$7 student standing room tickets. To order, call (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org.



Daniela Pierson

Scottish Baroque Music On Ensemble's Program

Le Triomphe de l'amour, New Jersey's chamber music ensemble performing music of the Baroque on period instruments, will present a concert on Saturday, May 3 at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Church titled "Music of the Scottish Enlightenment." The program will include music of 18th century Scottish composers as well as works by Handel, Gemini, and Haydn.

Ensemble members Laura Heimes, soprano, John Burkhalter, recorder, Donna Fournier, baroque cello, and Janet Palumbo, harpsichord, will be joined by guest artists Daniela Pierson, baroque violin, and Lynn Fergusson, baroque cello.

In 18th century Scotland, Edinburgh was known as "the hotbed of genius" because of the convergence in that city of intellectuals such as Adam Smith and David Hume. Within that community, music was also serious-

ly pursued. The concert will present many of the works of chamber music that were performed by the Edinburgh Music Society. Ms. Heimes will be featured in several songs, including a set of Franz Joseph Haydn's settings of Scottish folk songs. Haydn arranged several hundred Scottish folk songs for soprano, violin, cello, and keyboard.

The concert will be preceded by a talk at 7:30 p.m. in which John Burkhalter will describe the intellectual and musical life of 18th century Scotland.

Tickets at the door will be \$18 for general admission, \$15 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. For more information, call (609) 252-0522 or visit www.triomphebaroque.org.

For e-mail announcements of future concerts, e-mail info@triomphebaroque.org. The next concert by *Le Triomphe de l'amour* will take place near election day in November, when the ensemble will present a concert titled "Music for Presidents, Patriots, and Colonists."

Scorpion Bite Postpones Rocker's Princeton Visit

McCarter Theatre has announced that legendary British folk-rocker Richard Thompson's concert planned for this Friday, April 18, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 28.

The guitarist was recently stung by a scorpion on his right hand while vacationing in Mexico, according to a statement on the musician's website (richardthompson-music.com). The sting has incapacitated his right hand for two to three weeks, forcing him to reschedule all of his April performances.

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Westminster to Present Mozart Opera at PHS

Westminster Opera Theater will present Mozart's *La Clemenza di Tito* on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Princeton High School. The production will be fully staged with orchestra and sung in Italian with English supertitles. The music director will be Daniel Beckwith, the stage director Marc Verzatt.

Mozart's penultimate opera, *Lo Clemenza di Tito* is written in the opera seria form that was enjoyed by the 18th-century aristocracy. Full of noble music and virtuoso singing, it is a story of love, revenge, and forgiveness, set in ancient Rome.

Mr. Beckwith is also director of opera studies at Westminster. He has conducted

in many of the major opera houses throughout North America and Europe. He served as assistant to James Levine for six seasons at the Metropolitan Opera and had his conducting debut with *Don Giovanni* in 1995. The operas of Mozart have figured prominently in his career, as his return engagement to the Metropolitan, as well as his San Francisco Opera and Portland Opera debuts was with *Don Giovanni*. The opera companies of Vancouver, Baltimore, Edmonton, and Arizona have all heard his performances of *Le Nozze di Figaro*, and he made his Australian opera debut in 1998 with *La Clemenza di Tito*.

Mr. Verzatt maintains an active career directing opera, operetta, and musical theater throughout the U.S. and Europe. He began his career as an assistant stage director for the Lyric Opera of Chicago and was soon appointed acting coach and stage director of the Lyric Opera of Chicago's young artist program, Lyric Opera Center for American Artists. With Westminster Opera Theater he has directed operas by Handel, Debussy, and Ravel. He was recognized by Classical Singer magazine as the 2006 Stage Director of the Year.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and may be reserved by calling the Westminster box office at (609) 921-2663 weekdays between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Mahler's Ninth Symphony Ends Orchestra's Season

The Princeton University Orchestra, under the baton of conductor Michael Pratt, will perform Gustav Mahler's monumental Ninth Symphony for the 2008 Mindlin Memorial Concerts, concluding its 2007-08 season. The performances will be on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium.

The concerts will also mark the end of Mr. Pratt's 30th season since coming to Princeton.

Commenting on the Mahler symphony, Mr. Pratt said, "Mahler's Ninth was his last complete work, and, in the opinion of many, his most important one. It stands as a bookend at the end of the 19th century as Beethoven's *Eroica* stands at the beginning. Both strive for the same monumental statements on the most fundamental issues confronting us: life, death, grief, triumph, and love. Mahler's work is by turns joyous, heartbreaking, comic, and savage."

The annual concerts are in memory of Stuart B. Mindlin, a longtime Princeton resident and member of the Orchestra who died in 1988. The Mindlin family has established an endowment in his name for the Orchestra that helps fund instruction and tour scholarships for Princeton students.

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Air Force Jazz Band Due At Montgomery Center

The Montgomery Performing Arts Center will present a free concert by the Airmen of Note, the premier jazz ensemble of the United States Air Force Band, on Wednesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. A touring big band, Airmen of Note has earned an international reputation as one of the finest and most versatile bands of its kind in the world.

"An absolute gas," said singer Joe Williams about the band. "They knock me out. I've never had more fun working with a big band." Added jazz legend Clark Terry, "That's the way it's supposed to sound. These guys are fabulous, but that's what I expected. It's great to play with pros."

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Johannesburg Choir Here For Free Concert at PHS

The Princeton High School choral department will host a girl's choir from South Africa for a free concert tonight, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The 40 singers from the Roede School in Johannesburg are stopping in Princeton as part of their tour of the U.S. east coast. Members of the choir will stay with Princeton host families and will lead mini-workshops for choir classes at the high school. The Roede Choir has been at the forefront of the development of indigenous South African music. Their conductor, Ralf Schmitt, also conducts the National Youth Choir of South Africa.

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Casting Completed at McCarter Theatre For Mann's "Seagull in the Hamptons"

McCarter Theatre has announced the complete cast of *A Seagull in the Hamptons*, Emily Mann's world premiere adaptation of Chekhov's *The Seagull*. The production, to be directed by Ms. Mann, will begin performances at the Berlind Theatre on Friday, May 2 and run through June 8.

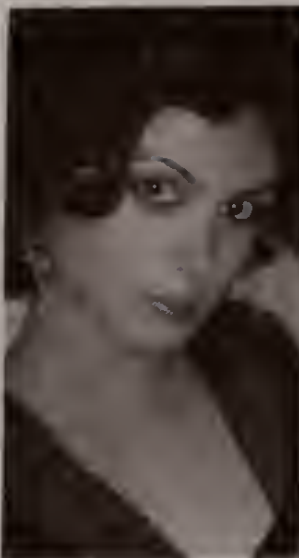
With a modern Hamptons setting, Ms. Mann's play exposes a culture of celebrity, appearance, and money, telling the familiar and heartbreaking tale of a generation's betrayal of its children.

The cast will include stage veterans as well as familiar faces from film and television: Jacqueline Antarami-

an, Morena Baccarin, Laura Heisler, Matthew Maher, David Andrew Macdonald, Brian Murray, Daniel Oreskes, Larry Pine, Stark Sands, and Maria Tucci.

Jacqueline Antaramian has appeared on Broadway in *Coram Boy*, *Julius Caesar*, and *Wrong Mountain*. Her other credits include the title roles in *Miss Julie*, *Candida*, and *Hedda Gabler*; and the feature film *The Siege*.

A graduate of The Juilliard School, Morena Baccarin is best known for her role as Inara on the TV series *Firefly* and its big-screen extension, *Serenity*. Her theater credits include *Mary Stuart*, *The Seagull*, *The Im-*



Morena Baccarin

portance of *Being Earnest*, and *Love's Labour's Lost*. She has also appeared on such television shows as TNT's *Heartland*, *Stargate SG-1*, and *The O.C.*

Laura Heisler's numerous theater credits include Broadway's *Coram Boy* and many off-Broadway shows. Regionally, she performed the title role in the world premiere of Sarah Ruhl's *Eurydice* at Madison Repertory Theatre.

Another Juilliard graduate, David Andrew Macdonald, has also appeared on Broadway in *Coram Boy*, and earned a Jell Award nomination for the national tour of *An Inspector Calls*. He spent six years as Edmund Winslow on television's *Guiding Light*.

Matthew Maher's theater work includes performances with The Public Theater, Playwrights Horizons, The Civilians, and Berkeley Repertory Theatre. He received an Obie Award for *The*

Foundry Theatre production of *The Race of the Ark Tattoo*. He has also appeared in the films *Gone Baby Gone*, *Jersey Girl*, and *Dogma*.

Brian Murray was most recently seen at McCarter



Brian Murray

in the world premiere of Edward Albee's *Me, Myself & I*. A three-time Tony nominee, his numerous credits include *The Rivals*, *Uncle Vanya*, *Noises Off*, *Beckett/Albee*, *The Ploy About the Baby*, *Ashes, Goslight*, and *Travels With My Aunt*. Also an accomplished director, he is the recipient of a 1998 Obie Award and a 1998 Lucille Lortel Award. Daniel Oreskes last performed at McCarter in *Electra*, which then moved on to Broadway. His other Broadway credits include *Cymbeline*, *Aida*, *The Song of Jacob Zulu*, and *Crazy He Calls Me*. His films include *The Thomas Crown Affair*, *Devil's Advocate*, *Day Zero*, *Nowhere to Go But Up*, and *The Warrior Class*.

Larry Pine, a prolific actor of stage and screen, has appeared on Broadway in *The Seagull*, *End of the World*, *Bus Stop*, and *Angels in America* (as Roy Cohn). He is most recognizable for his film work, which includes *Empire Falls*, *The Door in the Floor*, *Maid in Manhattan*, *The Royal Tenenbaums*, *The Shipping News*, and three Woody Allen films.

Stark Sands recently performed on Broadway as Raleigh in *Journey's End*, earning a Tony nomination for best performance by a featured actor in a play. He has held starring roles in the films *Die, Mommie, Die!*, Clint Eastwood's *Flags of Our Fathers*, and the independent film *Pretty Persuasion*.

in 1993 in Athol Fugard's *Hello and Goodbye*.

Ms. Mann is completing her cycle of Chekhov's major works with *A Seagull in the Hamptons*, having previously directed *Three Sisters* with Frances McDormand, Linda Hunt, and Mary Stuart Masterson (1992); *The Cherry Orchard* with Jane Alexander, John Glover, and Avery Brooks (2000); and *Uncle Vanya* with Amanda Plummer (2003). Now in her 18th season as artistic director of McCarter, she most recently directed the world premiere of *Me, Myself & I*.

Tickets for *Seagull* range from \$15 to \$49. To order, call the McCarter Box Office at (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org.

McCarter will offer a variety of events in conjunction with the *Seagull* performances. On Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m., Princeton Professor Tamsen Wolff will moderate a Live at the Library conversation between Ms. Mann and Ms. Tucci on adapted versus original classics. The free talk will take place at the Princeton Public Library.

A Dialogue on Drama will be offered on Sunday, May 11 immediately following the 2 p.m. matinee. Post-performance discussions will be held on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m.

A Pride Night Party on Thursday, May 15 will begin at 6 p.m. with a catered reception followed by the 7:30 p.m. performance. An American Sign Language interpreted performance will be offered on Saturday, June 7 at 3 p.m. And an After Hours Theater Party on Friday, May 16 after the 8 p.m. performance will feature music by the southern funk band The Shaxe.



Maria Tucci

Maria Tucci appeared frequently on the McCarter stage in the 1970s, in roles ranging from Ruth in *Beyond the Horizon* to Juliet in *Romeo & Juliet*. She earned a Tony nomination for her work on Broadway in *The Rose Tattoo*. She was last seen at McCarter



CAN CAN YOU DANCE?: Members of the planning committee for the Princeton Festival's "April in Paris" gala are shown at a recent meeting getting in the spirit of the fund-raising event, planned for April 26 at the Greenacres Country Club. Pictured from left are Dick Christian of Skillman, Jean Brown of Yardley, and Rosalind Jacobs of Monmouth Junction. For ticket information or reservations, call (215) 493-6876. (Photo by Art Carlson)

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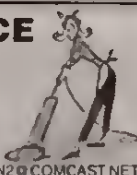
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South Asian Dance Teams To Compete at Richardson

The inaugural South Asian Dance Dimensions Competition will take the stage this Saturday, April 19 at 8 p.m. at Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium. Hosted by the South Asian Students Association at Princeton, the event will feature 13 talented bhangra and fusion teams from across the nation.

Tickets may be bought in advance for \$20 or at the door for \$25. For advance sales, visit www.desiclub.com, the Frist Campus Center Box Office, or the Frist online ticketing system at www.princeton.edu/utickets.

A panel of judges will award more than \$4,000 in prize money to the winning teams. Proceeds from the event will go to charity.

"We hope to enable South Asian groups from across the country to share their culture not only with the University community, but with the greater Central Jersey area at large," said Princeton freshman Chetan Narain of the South Asian Students Association. "This event provides a unique and unprecedented opportunity for the University to explore and experience diversity during its International Festival Month."

Modern bhangra is a dance style that originated from folk dance in the northern Indian state of Punjab and has increasingly become an amalgam

of traditional Indian roots with elements of hip hop and pop. There are more than 50 collegiate bhangra teams in the U.S.

The event is co-sponsored by Princeton's Peter B. Lewis Center for the Arts, the Program in South Asian Studies, the Davis International Center, the International Consortium, the Department of Electrical Engineering, the Department of Operations Research & Financial Engineering, and the Department of Music; and by DesiClub, one of the leading global online networks for the South Asian community. For more information, visit www.sadancedimensions.com.

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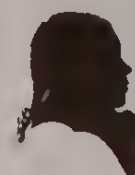
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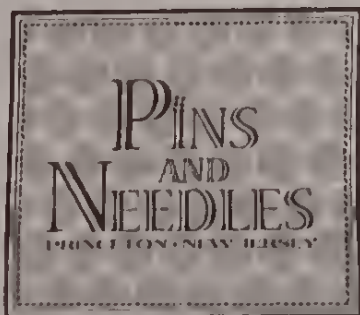
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CINEMA REVIEW

Smart People

Ellen Page Reprises Familiar Role in Comedy About a Family

Is Ellen Page capable of portraying anything besides a wisecracking, suburban teenager with attitude? If not, she's in danger of being typecast until she's too old to play another variation of Juno, the spunky, social outcast for which she landed her Oscar nomination.

Ellen reprises her character, albeit under a different name, in *Smart People*, about a dysfunctional family. Ellen plays Vanessa Wetherhold, a high school senior who spends her free time preparing for the SATs in order to get the stratospheric score that's required in order to be accepted into Stanford University. She's also a member of the Model U.N., the Young Republicans, and the National Honor Society, all extracurricular activities which will look good on her college application forms.

Her father, Lawrence (Dennis Quaid), a pompous Professor of English Literature at Carnegie Mellon University, has distanced himself from her and her older brother, James (Ashton Holmes), ever since the death of their mother. James attends Carnegie Mellon and has a room on campus and Vanessa lives at home

with her father.

The three family members continue their separate ways until the fateful day that Lawrence hits his head and has a seizure after climbing a fence. He is taken to the emergency room where the attending physician is Dr. Janet Hartigan (Sarah Jessica Parker), a former student of his, who has always been attracted to her former teacher. However, Lawrence is too ill to notice her attempts to attract his attention and morosely focuses on the fact that he won't be allowed to drive for the next six months.

A chauffeur conveniently shows up in the form of his adopted brother, Chuck (Thomas Haden Church), a homeless bohemian who's broke and looking for a job and a place to stay. In contrast to his relatives, Chuck is a cannabis smoking bon vivant who has no ambitions beyond enjoying life on a day-to-day basis.

When he moves into their house, he takes it upon himself to bring the uptight Wetherholds out of their shells using tough love techniques. In short order he pressures Lawrence to date, loosens up awkward James

by hanging out with him in the dorm, and cajoles teetotaler Vanessa into getting high for the first time by telling her that she's a robot and needs to relax.

While the contrast between Chuck's self-indulgence and his uptight relatives is often amusing, the film's funniest moments by far, come from Ellen Page's character, Vanessa. She has that sarcastic, wise cracking character down pat, as exemplified by her flat response to a telemarketer who is calling to speak to her deceased mother: "She's been dead for many years. Whatever you're peddling, thank you for the painful reminder."

Juno 2, and just as inspired.

Very Good (★★★). Rated R for profanity, sexuality, and brief teen drug and alcohol abuse. Running time: 95 minutes. Studio: Miramax Films.

—Kam Williams



LOOSEN UP ELLEN, YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE: Uncle Chuck (Thomas Haden Church, left) expounds his philosophy of living, which consists of enjoying life on a day-to-day basis, to his niece Vanessa (Ellen Page) and to make his point he persuades her to smoke pot for the first time in her life.

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21 (PG-13 for violence, sexuality and partial nudity). Vegas casino caper recalls the real-life exploits of a quintet of card-counting MIT students who, with the help of their math professor (Kevin Spacey), beat the house for millions in winnings. Cast includes Kate Bosworth, Laurence Fishburne, Jim Sturgess, and Aaron Yoo.

88 Minutes (R for profanity, disturbing violence and brief nudity). Al Pacino stars in this revenge thriller, set in Seattle, as a forensic psychiatrist with only 88 minutes to find out who's behind the death threat leveled at him on the eve of the execution of a serial killer (Neal McDonough) he helped convict. Cast includes Leelee Sobieski, Amy Brenneman, and Alicia Witt.

The Counterfeiters (R for sexuality, nudity, profanity, and violence). True World War II tale of survival, set in a Nazi concentration camp, about a master counterfeiter (Karl Markovics) forced to ply his trade to flood the market with the currency of the countries fighting Hitler and thereby devalue their money. In German with subtitles.

Drillbit Taylor (PG-13 for bullying, sexual references, profanity, crude humor, and partial nudity). Owen Wilson handles the title role in this revenge comedy as a down on his luck soldier of fortune hired by three freshmen (Troy Gentile, Nate Hartley, and David Dorfman) to protect them from the high school bully (Alex Frost).

The Forbidden Kingdom (PG-13 for martial arts action). Jet Li and Jackie Chan co-star in this time travel fantasy about an American teenager (Michael Angarano) who finds an Oriental artifact which teleports him back to ancient China where he embarks on an adventure with a kung fu master (Chan) to free a fabled king (Li) unfairly imprisoned by an evil warlord (Collin Chou).

Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R for profanity, sexuality, and graphic nudity). Romantic comedy about a depressed slacker (Jason Segel) who goes to Hawaii to get over being dumped by a famous actress (Kristen Bell) only to discover that she's staying at the same resort with her new, rock star boyfriend (Russell Brand). Supporting cast includes Mila Kunis, Jonah Hill, Paul Rudd and Steve Landesberg.

Horton Hears o Who (G). Jim Carrey provides the voiceover for the title character in this animated adaptation of the Dr. Seuss kiddie classic about an elephant determined to come to the assistance of the inhabitants of a tiny planet when he hears cries for help coming from a speck of dust floating through the air. Voice cast includes Steve Carrell, Carol Burnett, Jonah Hill, Jamie Pressly, SNL's Amy Poehler, Isla Fisher, Will Arnett, and Seth Rogen.

Leatherheads (PG-13 for brief profanity). George Clooney directed and stars in this romantic comedy, set in 1925, as the owner/captain of a fledgling pro football franchise who finds himself competing with the decorated World War I hero (John Krasinski) he's just signed for the affections of a skeptical sports reporter (Renee Zellweger) covering the team.

Morried Life (Unrated). Romantic triangle thriller, set in the forties, revolving around a middle-aged adulterer (Chris Cooper) impatient to enjoy his 30 years-younger mistress (Rachel McAdams) who opts to murder rather than divorce his wife (Patricia Clarkson). With Pierce Brosnan as the pal with possibly less than honorable intentions.

Meet the Browns (PG-13 for profanity, violence, mature themes, sexual references, and drug use). Tyler Perry wrote, directed, and reprises his cross-dressing role as Madea in this adaptation of his play about a single-mom (Angela Bassett) who moves her family from Chicago to Georgia for the funeral of the father she never met. Cast includes Rick Fox, Frankie Faison, Jennifer Lewis, and Tamela and David Mann.

Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (PG-13 for sexual innuendo and partial nudity). Frances McDormand stars in the title role of this romantic comedy, adapted from Winifred Watson's 1938 novel of the same name, about an unfairly-fired British nanny who tries a new line of work as the social secretary of an American starlet (Amy Adams).

Nim's Island (PG for mild action and brief epithets). Fanciful family adventure about a young girl (Abigail Breslin) with an active imagination who enlists the assistance of her favorite author (Jodie Foster) and fictional hero (Gerard Butler) in finding her father, a scientist who has gone missing on a magical island.

Pathology (R for violence, nudity, profanity, drug use, gruesome images, and graphic sexuality). Grisly horror film about a medical student (Milo Ventimiglia) who joins a conspiracy with classmates competing to execute the perfect crime only to realize that he might be the next victim on the hit list. With Alyssa Milano, Keir O'Donnell and Michael Weston.

Priceless (PG-13 for nudity and sexuality). Audrey Tautou stars in this French farce as a scheming gold digger in search of a wealthy sugar daddy who seduces a shy bartender (Gad Elmaleh), mistakenly believing him to be a multi-millionaire. In French with subtitles.

Prom Night (PG-13 for violence, terror, sexuality, profanity, and underage drinking). Remake of 1980 slasher film about a group of teenagers who share a dark, childhood secret which comes back to haunt them when a sadistic killer bent on revenge starts stalking them during their senior prom. Cast includes Brittany Snow, Johnathon Schaech, and Jessica Stroup.

The Ruins (R for nudity, sexuality, profanity, graphic violence, and gruesome images). Hardcore horror film about four Americans friends (Jena Malone, Shawn Ashmore, Jonathan Tucker and Laura Ramsey) vacationing in Cancun who are persuaded by a German tourist (Joe Anderson) to join in the search for his missing brother amidst the ruins of an archaeological dig located in a remote Mexican jungle.

Shine o Light (PG-13 for smoking, drug use and brief profanity). Martin Scorsese directs this concert film featuring the Rolling Stones, shot in 2006 at New York's Beacon Theater before an audience which included Bill and Hillary Clinton. With appearances by bluesman Buddy Guy and pop diva Christina Aguilera.

Shutter (PG-13 for profanity, sexuality, terror, and disturbing images). English language remake of the Thai horror film of the same name about newlyweds (Joshua Jackson and Rachael Taylor) honeymooning in Tokyo who start discovering disturbing images in the photographs they take after their car hits a girl in a fatal traffic accident on Mt. Fuji.

Smart People (R for profanity, sexuality, and brief teen drug and alcohol abuse). Dysfunctional family comedy about a widowed professor (Dennis Quaid), raising an emotionally-distant son (Ashton Holmes) and a wisecracking daughter (Ellen Page) alone, whose fortunes change when he crosses paths with a seductive former student (Sarah Jessica Parker) at about the same time his brother (Thomas Haden Church) arrives in town unannounced and needing a place to stay.

Stop-Loss (R for graphic violence and pervasive profanity). Iraq War saga about the emotional toll exacted on an honorably-discharged veteran (Ryan Phillippe) and his family when he is ordered by the Army to return to Baghdad for another tour of duty. With Rob Brown, Channing Tatum and Ciaran Hinds.

Street Kings (R for graphic violence and pervasive profanity). Keanu Reeves stars in this whodunit about a vice cop implicated in the murder of his own partner (Terry Crews) who teams up with a young homicide detective (Chris Evans) to catch the real killers. Cast includes Forest Whitaker, Hugh Laurie, Common, Naomie Harris and Cedric the Entertainer.

Superhero Movie (PG-13 for profanity, sexuality, crude humor, slapstick violence and drug references). Leslie Nielsen, Tracy Morgan, and Pamela Anderson are among the cast in this parody of the superhero genre which satirizes a host of comic book screen adaptations including Fantastic Four, X-Men, Spider-Man, and Batman.

Under the Same Moon (PG-13 for mature themes). Immigration saga about a nine year-old Mexican boy (Adrian Alonso) who, following the death of his grandmother (Angelina Pelaez), crosses the border into the U.S. to search for his mother (Kate del Castillo) in Los Angeles, unaware that she's already planning to return home to be with him. Supporting cast includes America Ferrara. In Spanish and English with subtitles.

—Kam Williams

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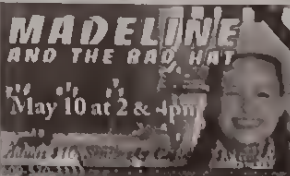
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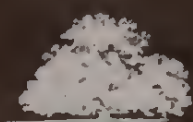
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Sports

Junior Star Aboff Displaying a Winning Touch; Aims to Lead Tiger Women's Golf to Ivy Title

After putting together an outstanding career at Cold Spring Harbor High School, Susannah Aboff had the chance to join the Duke University women's golf team, the dominant program in its sport.

But Aboff, who was also recruited by Northwestern, Yale, and Princeton, got bad vibes about her potential role on the star-studded Duke squad.

"Duke had the best team but the coach said I would be his project," recalled Aboff.

"I knew that meant that I might not travel and if I wasn't going to tournaments, it was going to be harder to get better."

As a result, Aboff opted to come to Princeton and she has been getting better and better by the year.

In her freshman year in 2005-06, she finished fourth in the Princeton Invitational and then took sixth in the Ivy League Championships, earning all-league honors.

Last year, Aboff won the Hoya Invitational and moved up to third at the Ivy League tournament.

This past summer, Aboff won the Women's Met Open in Ridgewood, N.J., becoming just the fourth amateur to win the prestigious event.

That triumph gave Aboff a major boost coming into her junior year which saw her win the Princeton Invitational last fall before winning Shamrock Invitational crown and repeating as the Hoya Invitational champ this spring.

This weekend, Aboff will be looking add the Ivy individual title to her resume as the Tigers head to Galloway, N.J. for the Ivy League Championships.

As a child growing up in Long Island, Aboff's initial sporting focus was not on the links but in the pool as a standout swimmer.

A swimming injury, though, helped her catch the golfing bug. "My father took me out golfing every year but I didn't start playing until I was 12 or 13," said Aboff.

"I was a swimmer and I had some shoulder problems. Golf is less demanding physically and my dad would let me drive the

cart."

It didn't take long for Aboff to become a driven competitor on the golf course.

"I started playing tournaments when I was 14," said Aboff. "I loved it; I'm a competitive person. It was much more fun for me to play in tournaments than just play with my father and his friends. It was fun to play with kids my own age."

Aboff faced challenges playing with kids in high school as she was the only girl on the Cold Spring Harbor golf team.

"There were pluses and minuses to being the only girl," said Aboff with a laugh. "One of the boys on the team asked me out for the prom. When I played in the states, I was the only girl with 99 boys. I didn't play well so I felt the pressure."

Sticking with swimming through high school helped Aboff on the golf course.

"Swimming made me stronger, I am able to hit further than a lot of the girls," said Aboff. "It also helped me with practice, you learn how to work hard."

Upon arriving at Princeton, Aboff found herself enjoying practice right away.

"It's easy freshman year," recalled Aboff. "You have tournaments in the fall and you get to know your teammates quickly. It's like a small family and you find your niche. The team is small and very close."

Competing for the Tigers has changed Aboff's perspective on the game.

"Playing on a team is different, your score counts toward five others and you are not as aggressive on certain shots," said Aboff.

"You feel a different responsibility. It helped playing with my teammates every day, I learned a lot of different shots."

Aboff learned a lot from her win last summer in the Met tournament.

"It was my biggest accomplishment ever," asserted Aboff, who carded a four-under 140 in winning the title including a final round of 68.

"It was the first time I broke 70 in competition. It was just so much fun; it was different playing against pros who were going for money. I played the best I've ever played. I

just made a lot of putts. The Met win helped me a lot, I feel more confident now."

Princeton head coach Amy Bond believes that the Met win was a springboard for Aboff coming into her junior season.

"Any time you win a big tournament and beat the best players in the country, that helps you," said Bond.

"I think it has vaulted her to where she is; it has been a process. She was always a good player but she has really improved her short game. She found her putting stroke at the end of last season. She has always been a good ball striker, she is one of the best ball strikers in the country."

In assessing her success so far this season, Aboff points to a sharpened focus.

"I think my problem had been my third round," explained Aboff.

"In the fall, I was playing well but I was having trouble learning how to finish. This spring, I got over it. I guess it was a mental thing. I was in the lead in two tournaments, it's a different feeling, there is a lot of pressure."

Aboff is looking forward to the pressure she will face this weekend in the Ivy League competition.

"It's definitely a goal to win individually," said Aboff, who finished third last weekend at the Roar-EE Invitational at the Hampshire Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y. to help Princeton take sixth in team standings.

"The main thing is to win as a team, that's what gets us in the NCAA's. If I finished sixth and we won the team title, that would be ideal. We have the game to win, it's a matter of putting it all together."

Bond believes Aboff can put it all together this weekend. "As her coach, I would say she is the player to beat," said Bond, whose squad placed second to Columbia in the team standings at the 2007 Ivy tournament.



TITLE SHOT: Princeton University golf star Susannah Aboff displays her putting form. Aboff, who has won two individual titles this spring, will be looking to add another this weekend as she and the Tigers play in the Ivy League Championships in Galloway, N.J.

(Photo courtesy of Princeton's Office of Athletic Communications)

"She is playing so well and with so much confidence. If she does the little things well, stays in control and plays in the moment, she has a great chance. She plays well under pressure."

As Aboff ponders her future in golf, she is anxious to test herself under the ultimate pressure situation in the game.

"I'm hoping to become a pro," said Aboff. "After Princeton, I'm planning to move to Florida and play on the futures tour. I just love playing, I could play all day. I'd love to play as long as I could."

With the way Aboff has played at Princeton, it appears that the Duke coaches underestimated her potential in the game.

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PU Softball Perfect in Ivy Play, Showing Strength Through Lineup

When the Princeton University softball team dropped 12 out of 13 games on its spring break swing in California, it would have been understandable if first-year head coach Trina Salcido lost some confidence in her squad.

Instead, Salcido's belief in her players was unshaken even as the defeats piled up.

"We had to stay positive, we had heartbreaking losses in the last inning and we had big losses to teams like Stanford and Cal," said Salcido, whose club dropped six one-run contests on the trip.

"I told them it's in you. I work with you everyday and I know you can do it. Just because you lost doesn't mean you are a loser. They never came away with a complex or came in acting like they were broken."

Salcido's faith in her players has proven well-placed as the Tigers have roared to a 12-0 start in Ivy League play upon their return to the east coast.

Last weekend, Princeton showed its flair for timely hitting as well as its versatile pitching rotation in posting two doubleheader sweeps at Columbia.

In Salcido's view, the team was clicking on all cylinders as it topped the Lions 14-1 and 5-0 on Saturday and then came back to rout Columbia 13-1 and 5-0 on Sunday.

"It was a complete team effort," said Salcido, whose team is now 15-19 overall.

"Being consistent means playing as a team and everybody on the team contributing. When you have only 13 players, everyone has to make a contribution."

At the plate last weekend,

Princeton got big contributions from Kat Welch (3 homers) and Kelsey Quist (3 homers). On the mound, Kristen Schaus picked up two wins while Michelle Tolfa and Jamie Lettore each notched a victory.

Salcido saw a sense of urgency from her team as the program reached the 12-0 mark in Ivy play for just the second time in program history.

"There is a difference between stressing and pressing," explained Salcido.

"Going into a weekend 8-0 with a target on your back and being expected to win, you could press. Or you can go out with a sense of urgency and when you have an opportunity, to do something for the team and try to put your best foot forward."

The middle of the Princeton lineup has been putting its best foot forward with junior Welch and sophomores Quist and Lettore providing plenty of punch.

"Our 3-4-5 hitters have

been great," maintained Salcido. "Kat Welch is Kat, she has always been good but she is really coming into her own as a number 3 batter. She is a co-captain and shortstop; she has big shoes to fill and she is doing it. With Kelsey and Jamie behind her, the load doesn't get put on her. The RBIs are spread out."

Welch is hitting .340 with nine homers and 20 RBIs with Quist at .365 with a team-high 11 home runs and 30 RBIs and Lettore also at .365 with 9 homers and 24 RBIs.

The Tiger attack, though, is hardly a three-player show. "The freshmen are contributing," said Salcido.

"Brittney Scott and Kristin Arguedas each got their first homer over the weekend. Megan Weidrick hit two homers. With Collette Abbott and Beth Dalmut we have depth. There are not any holes in our lineup; some teams rely on two or three hitters and wait for when they come up. Our lineup is strong up and down. We are excited for every inning."

Salcido is also excited

about the flexibility she has with her pitching rotation.

"When you are playing four games every weekend, it's great to have three good pitchers," added Salcido.

"Kris has experience, she has done all of this before but she loves having the other two. They work well as a staff. They have worked on coming into their own style. They really do a good job of keeping pitches down and balls in the park."

In Salcido's view, her team is doing a good job of being consistent. "They are very, very confident but they are humble, they know where they have been," said Salcido.

"The trip on spring break was tough but you have to learn how to lose before you learn to win. Once you learn how to win, you have to be consistent. That's the toughest thing, being mentally and physically ready the next day and then the next day after that."

The Tigers have developed a special chemistry that should have them ready to do more special things as the spring unfolds.

"This is a special team, when you can accomplish what we are doing up and down the lineup with just 13 players," said Salcido, whose team hosts doubleheaders this weekend with Penn on April 19 and 20.

"You have to get the most

out of what you have. They go about it the right way. We have to kick them off the practice field everyday. Off the field they are a unit, they do everything together."

—Bill Alden



FIRING AWAY: Princeton University softball star Jamie Lettore fires the ball in a game last spring. This season, Lettore's efforts on the mound and at the plate have helped the Tigers get off to a 12-0 start in Ivy League play. Lettore is 4-3 on the mound and is hitting .365 with 9 homers and 24 RBIs. In upcoming action, Princeton will host doubleheaders with Penn on April 19 and 20.

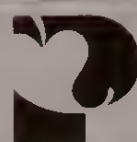
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With McBride Living Up to Advance Notice, PU Men's Lax Primed for Cornell Showdown

Ranked as the No. 6 high school recruit in the country last year, Jack McBride drew plenty of attention when he decided to join the Princeton University men's lacrosse program.

The 5'10, 195-pound attacker, though, didn't set the world of college lacrosse on fire in the early stages this spring as he scored a total of five goals in Princeton's first six games.

The former Delbarton star did pick up the pace, putting together back-to-back two goal efforts in his next two outings.

Last week against visiting Penn, McBride exploded on the scene firing in six goals to spark Princeton to a 14-5

win over the Quakers on April 8.

McBride's output set a new single-game record for a Princeton freshman, eclipsing the previous mark of five set by Sean Hartofilis in the 2000 NCAA semifinals against Virginia.

Last Saturday, McBride kept up his hot play, scoring two goals as Princeton rallied from a 7-3 third quarter deficit at Harvard to pull out a 9-8 overtime thriller.

The win improved No. 19 Princeton to 6-4 overall and 3-0 in Ivy League play, setting up a critical league showdown this Saturday at Princeton Stadium against No. 4 Cornell (9-2 overall, 4-0 Ivy).

In reflecting on his record-breaking night against Penn, McBride credited the Princeton coaching staff with letting him find his way.

"Coach T [head coach Bill Tierney] and Coach Metz [assistant coach Dave Metzbowler] have been really patient with me, telling me to take my time and not force anything," said McBride, a native of Madison, N.J. who was named the men's lax Ivy League Rookie of the Week for his heroics.

"They just told me to keep shooting and I really appreciate that. I was waiting for a game to play a little bit better."

Coming into the Penn game, McBride was devel-

oping a comfort level. "I thought I was getting a little better game by game," added McBride, whose cousin, Chris, is also a freshman standout for the Tigers.

"Today I was shooting pretty well and luckily they went in for me. Tommy Davis, Rob Engelke, and Pete Striebel all gave me great passes right in the middle."

While things came easily to McBride at Delbarton as he piled 180 points in his high school career on 124 goals and 56 assists, he admitted that adjusting to the college game has been a challenge.

"It's tough, college is totally different than high school, each player on each team is really, really good," said McBride, who now has 17 goals, tied for the team high with junior Tommy Davis.

"A lot of it is mental, everyone is always moving, you can't just stand around. I played on a really good high school team but at the same time, it was really more like individual dodging. Here it is a lot of off ball and teamwork is a big thing. It took me a while to learn the offense and the niches in the offense."

Princeton head coach Tierney hopes that McBride has found his niche. "He's had a rough go trying to learn what this thing is all about,"

said Tierney.

"We change our offense every week and that's hard for kids because they are thinking about what they have to do on this play as opposed to just playing. It takes a while to learn the system and become comfortable. It could be just a matter of a great night but I don't think so. I think this kid is one of those superstars who hopefully can have a lot more games like this."

Tierney saw some signs of greatness from McBride in his two-goal effort against Syracuse in Princeton's 13-6 loss to the Orange on April 5.

"He reminded me of Chris Massey up at Syracuse when he was a freshman, although he didn't get the four goals that Massey got when he was a freshman," recalled Tierney.

"He went to goal hard against Syracuse. After the game, as disappointed as I was in the game, I said to the team, we only have one guy who can dodge right now and that's Jack. He showed some good things up at Syracuse."

In the win over Penn, Tierney saw some good things collectively from his team.

"It doesn't take away the sting of how poorly we played last Saturday at Syracuse," said Tierney.

"But what it does do is show them how possibly good we can be. That's been the frustration with this team; they have shown signs of growing but they haven't put 60 minutes together like they did tonight."

McBride, for his part, saw the Penn game as a critical step in the team's growth process.

"We all feel like we've got to start picking it up and this is the time," said McBride.

"Our backs are against the wall, there is no letting down right now. We just have to keep going full bore, full steam ahead. We have to win one game at a time and it's going to take a total team effort to win these next five games."

With McBride now going full steam ahead, the Tigers should be tough to beat down the stretch.

—Bill Alden



WHAT ABOUT BOB: Princeton University men's lacrosse senior co-captain Bob Schnelder bulls past a defender in a game earlier this spring. Last Saturday, Schnelder scored a career-high four goals as Princeton overcame a 7-3 third quarter deficit at Harvard to pull out a 9-8 overtime thriller. Schnelder, who scored the game-tying goal late in regulation and game-winner in overtime, was later named the Ivy League Co-Player of the Week along with Brown goalie Jordan Burke.

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RUNAWAY MCBRIDE: Princeton University men's lacrosse freshman attacker Jack McBride passes the ball in a game earlier this season. Last Wednesday, McBride fired in six goals to spark Princeton to a 14-5 win over Penn. McBride's output set a new single-game record for a Princeton freshman, eclipsing the previous mark of five set by Sean Hartofilis in the 2000 NCAA semifinals against Virginia.

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Tiger Men's Heavyweight Crew Edges Columbia for Childs Cup

For the Princeton University men's heavyweight varsity crew, retaining the venerable Childs Cup proved to be anything but child's play.

Facing Columbia and Penn last Saturday on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia in the race for the nation's oldest intercollegiate racing trophy, the Tigers battled a tough headwind and a determined Lion crew.

The Tigers held off Columbia, covering the 2,000-meter course in 5:50.1 to edge the Lions by one second. At the 1,000-meter mark Princeton trailed slightly and the boats were level at 1,500 meters. Over the last 500 meters, Princeton had just a little too much speed for Columbia.

Princeton head coach Curtis Jordan acknowledged that his top boat hadn't expected such a battle.

"It was clearly a surprise to us — how tight the race was," said Jordan.

"The Columbia coach Mike Zimmer is a Princeton grad and I knew he has been putting together a good crew. It was an excellent performance by them. We were not prepared psychologically for that close a race. We were prepared physically; we were rested and ready to go. It was an excellent race for us to deal with that kind of surprise situation."

A week earlier, Princeton had pulled a surprise of its own as it placed second in the Copley Cup final at the San Diego Crew Classic, outracing some of the top boats in the country in the process.

"It was a great field, said Jordan, whose boat placed second to defending national champion Washington and beat Harvard, Stanford, Cal, and Yale.

"It's early in the year and everybody is learning with every row. We had a lackluster heat and we were lucky to find ourselves in the seventh lane in the final. We moved some people around, we talked about changing race strategy. It was an individual thing, the guys all performed better as rowers."

As Jordan goes through the process of adjusting his lineup, he has the luxury of having plenty of rowers who can perform well.

"The boat is made up of eight to 12 guys that can fit; it will take time to find the final eight," said Jordan, who is in his 18th season guiding the Tiger heavyweight program.

"I told them yesterday, this is a team effort, we're doing this as a team. I know that everyone wants to be on the first boat. At some point, I will have to come up with the final group, we can't

have everybody stressed out."

Senior captain Glenn Ochal is leading the way for the top boat. "Glenn has matured into an exceptional athlete and rower," asserted Jordan.

"I think he will have a great post-college rowing career. He has maturity and focus. He was around with that group in 2006. He has moved on; he gives the group some grounding."

Jordan is hoping some of Ochal's focus will rub off on the program's group of promising sophomores.

"It is a great class, they are good guys, all of them can be superlative rowers," added Jordan, who had sophomores Brad Werntz, Clayton Sachs, Chris Courtin, Mike Lombardi, and Mike Gilson in the top boat for the Copley Cup final race in San Diego.

"They just need some maturity and a little more experience; they have the potential to walk out of here as one of our most prominent classes ever."

The Tigers will get some experience this weekend as they head up to Boston to take on Harvard and MIT.

"It is part of the whole process. I want to beat Harvard," said Jordan. "We'll take it for what it is. If we win, we'll celebrate for 24 hours, if we lose we'll kick the dust and be down but we'll have to come in on Monday and bounce back."

—Bill Alden

PU Sports Roundup

PU Track Alum Masback Giving McCandless Talk

Former Princeton University track star and USA track executive Craig Masback will be back at his alma mater this week as part of the Jake McCandless '51 PVC Speaker Series.

Masback, a 1977 Princeton alum, will be presenting a lecture, "The Enduring Values of Sports — Facing Up to the Challenges of the 21st Century" on April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Dodds Auditorium. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

Currently, Masback is the Director of Business Affairs for Nike's Global Sports Marketing Division. The Global Sports Marketing Division establishes relationships with leagues, organizations, universities, athletes, and events as part of Nike's overall sales, marketing, and branding strategy.

From 1997 through 2007, Masback was the CEO of USA Track & Field (USATF), the national governing body

for track and field, long distance running, and race walking.

The Jake McCandless '51 PVC Speaker Series began in 2004 with a lecture from NCAA President Myles Brand. The series was endowed in the name of J. L. "Jake" McCandless '51, who coached Princeton to the 1969 Ivy League football championship during the Tigers' centennial year of football.

PU Men's Golf 2nd at Invitational

The Princeton University golf team tied for second last weekend at its Princeton Invitational held at the Springdale Golf Club.

St. John's won the team title as it finished at +17 with Princeton and George Mason tied at +21.

In the individual standings, Tiger golfers Max Schechter, Andrew Maliniak, and Evan Harmeling all tied for 11th and led Princeton at +4. A pair of St. John's golfers, Keegan Bradley and Evan Beirne, tied for the individual title at -2, one shot ahead of Temple's Paul Amess.

Princeton will compete at the Ivy League Championship April 18-20 next at the Galloway National Golf Club outside Atlantic City, N.J.

Princeton Baseball Splits at Columbia

The Princeton University baseball team got off to a hot start last Saturday at Columbia but fizzled on Sunday.

In action on Saturday, the Tigers swept a doubleheader, winning the opener 10-9 and then cruising 13-7 in the nightcap.

In the opener, junior Dan DeGeorge hit his fourth single of the game with two outs in the top of the seventh inning to drive in senior Micah Kaplan with the game-winning run. In Game 2, Jon Broschius hit two homers and Jack Murphy smacked a three-run blast to power Princeton to victory.

On Sunday, the Princeton bats went quiet as the Tigers fell 3-1 and 7-5. In the opener Sunday, Columbia star pitcher John Baumann limited Princeton to three hits. In the nightcap, Princeton blew a 4-2 lead as Columbia tallied five runs in the seventh.

The Tigers, now 14-17 overall and 6-6 in Ivy League play, host Seton Hall for a single game on April 15 before hosting Penn for doubleheaders on April 19 and 20.

PU Hoops Star Cowher Gets Lowe's Recognition

With balloting for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award complete, Princeton University women's basketball star Meagan Cowher earned a spot on the second-team Senior All-America, the award's organizers said this week.

Cowher, Princeton's second-leading scorer all-time with 1,671 points, was named first-team All-Ivy for the third straight year. She won her second straight Ivy League scoring title with 17.7 points per game.

Cowher was chosen earlier in the season as one of 10 finalists nationally for the Senior CLASS Award, which recognizes a student-athlete's contributions in the classroom, in the community and on the court.

PU Hockey's Moore Signs Pro Contract

Princeton University men's hockey senior captain Mike Moore, a 2008 first-team All-Ivy and All-ECAC selection, signed with the National Hockey League's San Jose Sharks last week.

Moore will report to the team's America Hockey League affiliate in Worcester and make his pro debut this season.

Moore, who recently completed his senior season, served as the team captain of Princeton's first ECAC Championship winning team in 10 years. He also helped lead the Tigers to the Ivy League Championship and an NCAA Tournament appearance.

He was the 2008 ECAC Hockey Defensive Defenseman of the Year and led Princeton defensemen in goals (seven), assists (17) and points (24) in 34 games.

The six-foot-one, 200-pound native of Calgary, Alberta, finished his Princeton career with 52 points (14 goals, 38 assists) and 154 penalty minutes in 121 games.



SLINGSHOT: Princeton University women's lacrosse junior star Holly McGarvie prepares to sling the ball in action earlier this season. Last Saturday, McGarvie fired in four goals as Princeton topped Harvard 18-9. Princeton, which improved to 10-0 overall and 4-0 in Ivy League play, got five goals from Lizzy Orum in the win with Ashley Amo chipping in four goals and two assists. The second-ranked Tigers host No. 6 Penn (10-1 overall, 5-0 Ivy) on April 16 in a critical league showdown. Princeton will also host Dartmouth on April 19.



THREE'S COMPANY: Princeton University quarterback Brian Anderson lofts a pass in a game last fall. Prior to the 2008 Spring Game last Saturday, Anderson, receiver Adam Berry, and defensive lineman Matt Koch were announced as the tri-captains for the 2008 Tiger squad. It is only the second time in the 140-year history of Princeton football that three players have been voted captain, and it is the first in head coach Roger Hughes' tenure.

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Featuring Balance Through Its Lineup, PHS Boys' Track Strong in Tri-Meets

It was a rare happening for the Princeton High boys' track team.

Last week, PHS swept Hamilton and Steinert in a tri-meet as it improved to 3-0 on the season.

In assessing the double win, Little Tiger head coach John Woodside saw the performance as a breakthrough.

"That was absolutely a step forward," said Woodside. "I don't know how often we've gotten two wins in a dual meet, we usually split. We have balance, that's what makes this team different."

In Woodside's view, the team's depth should make it a force in dual meets throughout the spring.

"We have coverage in the events like we've never had before," asserted Woodside.

"It keeps us from getting blown out and we can dominate events, we had a sweep in the discus and the 3,200."

The team's strength in the throwing events epitomizes PHS' resources.

"It's unusual for us to have this many good throwers," said Woodside, whose corps of throwers includes senior John McCormack and juniors A.J. Dowers and Connor Ryan.

"We've had a good javelin guy, a good shot putter, or a good discus at one time but not the number of good throwers like we have this year."

Woodside points to McCormack as PHS' best hope to win individual titles.

"John McCormack is our biggest star, said Woodside. "He is one of the top javelin throwers in the area, he's very good in the discus, and he will score points for us in the shot in most meets. He is going to go far in the championship meets."

The team's group of distance runners should come a long way this spring.

"They are coming along, not as dominant as in the past but we have four or five guys who are improving by the week," said Woodside, whose distance runners include juniors Aaron Deutsch and Chris Vasseur, seniors Dylan Kotliar and Sean Pradhan, and sophomore Henry Feder. "We are strong against most teams even if we can't hang with WW/P-S or WW/P-N."

With the emergence of senior Rashad Bullock, PHS can hang with most teams in the sprints.

"Bullock is really enthusiastic, he's really stepping up," said Woodside, whose team did take a hit when sprinting star Tom Hellstern pulled a hamstring in the tri-meet last week. "He did an 11.2 in the 100 and a 22.6 in the 200 in the meet last week."

The injury to Hellstern means that sophomore Josh Gordon will need to speed up his development.

"Josh Gordon is really coming on, he did a 23.2 200 in the Hamilton/Steinert meet," said Woodside.

"He did 39'8 in the triple jump. We just taught him the event last week and he came

close to the school record (40' 3). He had the best split in the 4 x 400 relay, running 53.2 on the third leg. We are going to need him to step into the 100 and 200 with Tommy out."

The return of junior Senyo Agawu should help Princeton in the sprints and the jumping events.

"Senyo is working really hard, he missed some time earlier," said Woodside of Agawu, who won the 400 and placed third in the triple jump in the Hamilton/Steinert meet.

"He's back after being gone a year. He's very talented, very tough. He's a good competitor. He really fought to win that 400, that was one of the great wins for us in that meet. I was a little surprised. He also had a good jump in the triple jump."

Woodside, for his part, is looking forward to helping his athletes continue to jump forward.

"We only have three seniors so we still have lot of developing to do," said Woodside, whose team will compete in the County Relays on April 19 at Steinert before hosting a tri-meet with Hopewell Valley and Notre Dame on April 22.

"The kids should be getting better and stronger. We are built for dual meets, it's probably the most balanced team I've had. I love this team, their spirit is great."

—Bill Alden

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Going with Group of Untested Players, PHS Boys' Lax on Fast Learning Curve

In lacrosse, two of the most revealing statistical categories are faceoffs and ground balls.

But for the Princeton High boys' lacrosse team, the pivotal number in its season opener last Wednesday against WW/P-N came down to a different category.

"We talked about the key statistic for game against WW/P-N being 13 for 17," said longtime PHS head coach Peter Stanton in reflecting on his team's 7-3 loss to the Knights.

"That's 13 guys who had never gotten to play a varsity game before out of 17."

Last Saturday, PHS showed its inexperience once again as it hosted Bridgewater-Raritan and fell behind 5-1 in the first quarter.

Giving a glimpse of its talent and spirit, the Little Tigers reeled off four straight goals to knot the game at 5-5 midway through the second quarter. Bridgewater-Raritan, however, responded by scoring the last three goals of the half.

After the halftime break, B-R kept rolling, notching eight straight goals to build a 13-5 lead midway through the fourth quarter on the way to a 16-7 victory.

Stanton was encouraged by his team's spurt in the second quarter. "The whole approach to the game, how to prepare mentally, how to react, how to respond, it's all new to these guys," said Stanton, whose team built on that good stretch by topping Hopewell Valley 14-5 last Monday. "So it was really nice to see them get a taste of that."

Sophomores Mike Olenetine and Allen Bryant gave nice performances as they scored four and two goals, respectively.

"They are excellent athletes," asserted Stanton, who also got a goal from senior star Brandon Polakoff.

"They are sophomores, they're young so everything that they hear, they are hearing it for the first time. They are just going to get better and better."

PHS will need its defense to get better and better as it deals with the loss of stars Casey Rahn, Jesse Mostoller, and Chad Pinto to graduation.

"When you graduate guys that started for three or four years in a row, the guys behind them don't get the repetitions, they don't get the practice," explained Stanton.

"It takes so long to learn how to work together. It's going to take them time. We feel that they are athletic and capable of it. We just hope

that the learning curve is fast."

Freshman Michael Irving is one PHS newcomer who is picking things up quickly.

"The youngest guy who has been most impressive has been Michael Irving," said Stanton.

"He's our longstick mid-die — he got some good ground balls, he's got really good recognition. He's getting himself in position to make plays."

As PHS goes through the spring, Stanton is hopeful that his players will make a lot of big plays.

"Truthfully, they try to do what we ask them to do," said Stanton, whose team hosts Montgomery on April 17 and Hun on April 19.

"They have learned and improved a lot; hopefully that will pay off in some quality efforts. We expect them to learn and work the whole year out."

—Bill Alden



TRANSITION GAME: Princeton High boys' lacrosse star Garrett Riley passes the ball up the field in action last spring. Last Monday, Riley fired in three goals as PHS topped Hopewell Valley 14-5. Brandon Polakoff scored five goals in the win with Mike Olenetine and Allen Bryant chipping in three apiece. The Little Tigers, now 1-2, hosts Montgomery on April 17 and Hun on April 19.

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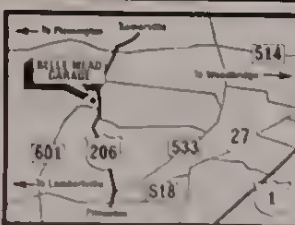
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With Fuhrman Supplying Pitching, Offense PDS Baseball Produces Sizzling 7-0 Start

Coming into the spring, the Princeton Day School baseball team was depending on sophomore Jim Fuhrman to head up its pitching rotation.

Last Wednesday, the hard-throwing right-hander certainly looked like an ace as he threw a five-hit shutout against visiting Pennington.

But Fuhrman gave PDS a lot more than superb moundwork in the contests, going 3-for-3 at the plate with 7 RBIs to help pace the Panthers to a 16-0 rout and improve to 5-0.

In reflecting on his big day, Fuhrman saw a lot of progress on the mound from his season-opening 11-2 win over Rutgers Prep.

"The last game I pitched was the first game of the season and it was the first time I was really throwing to live batters and I struggled a little bit," said Fuhrman.

"This game I just felt good, I threw strikes, working counts real well. I threw the right pitches at the right time and spot."

Fuhrman had command in both his fastball and slider. "My fastball had a lot of pop on it, I thought," added Fuhrman, who had six strikeouts in the win.

"I was locating it real well. I threw my slider a lot more today. I have confidence in the slider right now; I'm throwing it for strikes."

With a year of high school ball under his belt, Fuhrman feels he has reached a comfort level.

"I just have more confidence," said Fuhrman. "Last year was freshman year; I made the adjustment real well. It just feels good right now. Everything is flowing with the team."

As for his hitting prowess,

Fuhrman wasn't in a good flow coming into the Pennington game.

"I had my first at-bats of the year yesterday and I didn't get a ball past the pitcher's mound," recalled Fuhrman. "The ball was carrying today; I don't even know what to say."

PDS head coach Bruce Devlin has plenty to say about how Fuhrman has developed as a pitcher.

"He's a pitcher; he's not a kid out there throwing," said Devlin. "He knows what he's doing, he has command of his pitches, he knows how to spot them."

Fuhrman's polish on the mound is no accident in Devlin's view. "He works hard at it, he works all year at it," said Devlin.

"He's just a sophomore; the sky's the limit for him. He's got a great work ethic. He's always in the weight room, he's running, he's doing long tosses. He loves the game, that's a kid that will succeed."

Devlin loves the way Fuhrman swung the bat against Pennington. "He's not afraid to swing and that's why he's gotten opportunities the last couple of games," said Devlin. "He comes up there without a conscience. I like that, he's aggressive."

The Panthers have been aggressive with the bat collectively. "We have a very good lineup," asserted Devlin, whose team improved to 7-0 with an 8-6 win over Hopewell Valley last Monday.

"The kids all hit the ball and work hard. There is no easy out, we can run. We have a good group, all kids one through 20 work hard in all practices and in the off season. The biggest thing is that they are very athletic.

They can do many different things."

The team's sizzling start, which saw it average nearly 12 runs a game in its first five outings, is no surprise to Devlin.

"I thought we would start very well," maintained Devlin, who saw good signs in the team's annual preseason Florida swing.

"We played some great teams in Florida, some big schools like Toms River South and Manalapan. We faced some good pitching down there, guys that were throwing 91 m.p.h.. It helped us to face kids like that. We played very well down there, it gave us confidence. They carried it back here."

The team also displays a passion to go with that confidence. "They love the

game," said Devlin, whose team hosts Robbinsville on April 16 and Princeton High on April 18 before playing at Rutgers Prep on April 22.

"They are a pleasure to work with, they listen; you don't get that all the time. They come to work every day and work hard, it's a good group. We laugh; we have fun."

Fuhrman believes the Panthers are going to have a lot more laughs as the spring unfolds.

"We're looking for a couple of championships, Prep B, our conference, Mercer County," said Fuhrman.

"It feels good, there is a lot of energy in the dugout, not messing around but everyone is loose and that's when people do better hitting and fielding."

—Bill Alden

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DOUBLE TROUBLE: Princeton Day School star pitcher Jim Fuhrman fires the ball in a game last spring. Last Wednesday, sophomore Fuhrman starred on the mound and at the plate in a 16-0 rout of Pennington. Fuhrman pitched a 5-hit shutout and went 3-for-3 with 7 RBIs. PDS, now 7-0, hosts Robbinsville on April 16 and Princeton High on April 18 before playing at Rutgers Prep on April 22.

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FOLLOWING THROUGH: Princeton Day School outfielder Mike Shimkin follows through on a big swing in action last spring. Last Monday, leadoff hitter Shimkin chipped in two hits as PDS topped Hopewell Valley 8-6 to move to 7-0 on the season.

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Coach Wilson Seeing Solid Progress In First Spring Guiding PDS Softball

Hosting Hopewell Valley last week, the Princeton Day School softball team got off to a rocky start.

PDS gave up two runs in the top of the first and appeared to be headed to a bleak afternoon.

But the Panthers fought back to tie the game at 2-2 with single runs in the third and the fourth.

After falling behind 3-2, PDS scored in the bottom of the fifth to get back into a tie.

The game went into extra

innings and the Bulldogs broke through for four runs in the top of the eighth to escape with a 7-3 win.

First-year PDS head coach Bob Wilson was happy with the way his club battled HoVal.

"HoVal is always a good team, it's a big high school, a top team in the CVC," said Wilson, who is replacing Holly Fewkes.

"We need to make fewer errors, we're working on that. When we can play a team like that into the 8th

inning, we have to be happy."

Wilson is happy with the work he is getting from sophomore Jen Auerbach on the mound.

"It's her first year as a full-time varsity pitcher and she is working on her specialty pitches; she is working hard to master things," said Wilson.

"Pitching is not an overnight thing. She is also one of the best fielding pitchers I have seen. She's an excellent hitter, she's batting clean-up. You don't see a lot of pitchers who can help at the plate like that."

Auerbach produced her best game of the season last Friday as she struck out 13 and gave up just one hit as PDS blanked Pennington 10-0 to improve to 2-3.

Auerbach's battery mate, sophomore catcher Kayla Bostwick, has also been a big help.

"Kayla is a good catcher, I'm letting her call the game,"

said Wilson, who previously served as an assistant coach at Ursinus College and also heads the Hamilton Hurricanes and works with the Junior Olympic Development Program.

"I want the girls to play. We have a good battery and it will get better over the years."

Another sophomore, Marissa Davila, is building on her solid debut season.

"Marissa is a good hitter," asserted Wilson. "She hits for extra bases, she already has two triples. She plays shortstop and makes very few errors."

PDS is also getting good work defensively from two of its key seniors, center-fielder Emma Morehouse and second baseman Elisa Cichonski.

"Emma is in charge of the outfield and is good at what she does," added Wilson.

"She has good range and an excellent glove; she is really helping our younger outfielders. Elisa is an aggressive fielder at second; she will be very hard to replace next year. We have assigned areas and she is re-

ally aggressive in patrolling her area."

Wilson sees senior third baseman Raquel Perlman as the glue holding the team together.

"Raquel is our team captain, she is a real leader," said Wilson. "She's the anchor for the whole team."

Wilson, for his part, is glad that he made the decision to head up the PDS team.

"It's been a transition going from college to high school," said Wilson, whose club plays at Hun on April 16, hosts Robbinsville on April 18, plays at Lawrenceville on April 21, and then hosts Pennington on April 22.

"PDS is a very special

place. I had other chances to go to high school and I'm glad I chose PDS. The girls are marvelous. You get great support from the parents and the athletic department. It's a fine balance, it's like a Division III college program. They are real student athletes."

And if the Panthers can learn from their early season lessons, they could end up having a nice spring.

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PEARL OF WISDOM: Princeton Day School softball player Raquel Perlman follows through in an at-bat last season. With senior captain and third baseman Perlman providing good leadership, PDS has gotten off to a 2-3 start this spring. In upcoming action, the Panthers play at Hun on April 16, host Robbinsville on April 18, play at Lawrenceville on April 21, and then host Pennington on April 22.

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Paul and Teri Fields of Michigan City, Ind. were huge Chicago Cubs fans when their son was born in September of 2007. So what to name him? Easy: Wrigley Fields, in honor of their favorite ballpark. Actually, the plan to name their son Wrigley began more than a decade earlier when Paul began converting Teri, a San Diego native, to the idea. Fortunately for young Wrigley, they gave him a middle name of Alexander and said he'd be allowed to go by that name if he gets teased - or if he becomes, say, a Brewers fan.

When members of the Palmerton Area School District in eastern Pennsylvania decided to sell a 3.7 acre ball field, they were hoping to get an offer in the \$2 million range. The only offer they got came from one Andrew Sabo, written in pencil on an unlined piece of white paper, and for exactly five dollars. Andrew, a kindergartner whose flag football team played on the field, also included a photo of the

undefeated squad along with his bid. Because Andrew's offer was \$1,949,995 less than the minimum sought, the School Board rejected his offer, presumably after careful consideration.

NHL superstar Alexander Ovechkin signed a 13-year, \$124 million contract with the Washington Capitals in January of 2008 thanks to - get this - his mother, who did most of the negotiating. The 57-year-old Russian native had the credentials: high-powered sports businesswoman and president of the Moscow Dynamos women's basketball team. She was also a sports legend in her own right as leader of the Soviet Union's women's national teams that won Olympic gold medals in 1976 and 1980. Her son wears number 8 on the ice because that was her number on the basketball court.

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Martin Recovers From Knee Surgery To Spark Attack for Hun Boys' Lax

Zach Martin came into this season as a bit of a mystery man for the Hun School boys' lacrosse team.

After being sidelined all last year due to a knee injury, the junior attacker has been determined to make his presence felt this spring.

"I wanted to come back strong," said Martin. "Nobody knew who I was; I wanted to make a difference."

Martin has certainly been a difference maker for Hun, having scored a total of 10 goals in Hun's three games before its contest last Friday with Hopewell Valley.

Against HoVal, Martin kept rolling, tallying a game-high five goals to lead the Hun attack. Unfortunately for the Raiders, Martin's heroics weren't enough as HoVal won 10-7.

With Hun stars Brendan Gallagher and Sam Rosenberg sidelined last Friday, Martin felt he needed to carry a heavier load against

the Bulldogs.

"It's more of a depth problem with Sam Rosenberg and Brendan out," said Martin.

"Harry Blackburn and I knew that we needed to pick it up. I thought we did that, so we executed pretty well."

Martin has a solid connection with classmate Blackburn, who was credited for five assists in the loss which dropped Hun to 3-3 on the season.

"We have been playing together forever," said Martin. "We have been playing together since we were little, so we know each other really well."

After fracturing his left knee in the summer before his sophomore year, Martin didn't know how much he would be able to contribute down the road for the Raiders.

"I had micro fractures and surgery in August that year," said Martin. "It was about four or five months before I was able to run again."

In fact, Martin's first lacrosse action since his injury only came when the Raiders started preseason practice.

"The first time, I started practicing lax was the day we started," recalled Martin.

"My knee was still weak. I try to work it out everyday to get it back to full strength. My stick skills are there because I was looking around with the stick all last year."

Hun head coach Greg Provenzano is happy to have Martin there for his squad this spring.

"Zach has been great, he's been our key guy back there on attack," said Provenzano.

"He's been a real great team leader. He knows the game real well and he'll just get better and better."

Provenzano acknowledged that his team didn't play the game well collectively against Hopewell Valley as it fell behind 4-1 in the early going and never got closer than two goals the rest of the day.

"We had our chances, without a doubt and we didn't execute," said Provenzano.

"That's the game of lacrosse, if you don't execute in the critical times of the game, there are too many momentum swings."

Hun needs its defense to stiffen up in order to keep its foes from gaining momentum.

"We're playing together and then we have lapses," lamented Provenzano. "They score some quick cheapies on us and we can't let that happen. This game is too fast to let those things happen; one missed shot or one blocked shot can be the difference."

With a club that has only a couple of seniors, Provenzano thinks his team can grow into a force.

"We need more fundamental work, we still blow too many passes, we dropped the ball too many times," said Provenzano, whose team plays at Notre Dame on April 18 and at Princeton High on April 19 before hosting Voorhees on April 22.

"They're young players, I have juniors and freshman mostly. We're going to go with that and hopefully put something together. I still feel pretty good about the club. I think we'll do OK. We tell them make your mistakes now and we'll know what's going on and maybe we can have a nice finish."

Martin, for his part, is confident that Hun will be OK once it is at full strength.

"We need to work some more clearing," said Martin. "Just having Brendan and Sam playing everyday is going to help us get better."

And having Martin back from injury has certainly made Hun better.

—Biff Alden

Hun Girls' Lax Drops Thriller at Stuart, But Balanced Attack Portends Big Spring

The Hun School girls' lacrosse team brought an undefeated record into its clash last Friday with crosstown foe Stuart.

Unfortunately, Hun didn't bring its A-game from the opening draw.

The Raiders fell behind by 3-0 and 5-2 as it stumbled early in its attempt to improve to 4-0 on the spring.

But displaying the offensive punch that has fueled its hot start, the Raiders pulled ahead by 7-6 at halftime.

Hun, though, couldn't build on that surge and found itself trailing by two goals with three minutes left. Battling to keep its record unblemished, Hun fought back to tie the game at 13-13.

But Stuart snapped the Raiders' winning streak, scoring with 14 seconds left to pull out a dramatic win.

Hun head coach Jon Stone lamented his team's failure to put together a complete game.

"We did some things very well and we didn't do other things well," said Stone, who is in his first year guiding the program.

"We didn't show up at the beginning and they got a three-goal lead. We didn't take advantage of all of our opportunities to finish; we had some opportunities to put away a few more goals. We were down by two goals with three minutes left and we came back to tie, we showed resiliency."

The Raiders have been showing a multi-faceted attack in the early going.

"We are very balanced; we have a lot of girls who can score," asserted Stone, who got four goals and two assists from senior star Sarah Appelt in the loss to Stuart with Suzanne Arnold and Bridget Stinson chipping in three goals apiece and Addie Godfrey adding two.

"In the last few games we have had six or seven girls getting goals. It doesn't allow teams to key on any one player."

If Hun's loss could key on any one player, it would likely be Towson-bound Appelt.

"Sarah is playing very, very well," said Stone of Appelt who scored 16 goals in Hun's first four games.

"She is a great player who is able to score in bunches or at any time. She is also a good passer."

Sophomore attacker Suzanne Arnold has been on the receiving end of Appelt's set-up work.

"She's a tremendous finisher, she's one of our best players at that," added Stone of Arnold, who tallied seven goals in Hun's last two games. "She has been great; I expected this of her."

Senior midfielder Bridget Stinson has certainly been living up to expectations. "Bridget has such an ability to play every facet of the game," said Stone.

"She can score, she can play defense, she can clear. She's a huge part of what we do. The players in the midfield can do so much for you."

Stone acknowledges that

he needs his defense to do a little more.

"I think we are working on some things on practice that will help us get better," said Stone. "The defense has been good in stretches but we have had problems on transition."

If Hun's defense can get a little more consistent, the Raiders should get better and better.

"Looking at the schedule, we could win any game, we could lose any game," said Stone, whose team plays Hopewell Valley on April 19 before hosting Princeton Day School on April 21.

"I'm obviously disappointed with the one loss; I feel we should be 4-0. I think we've done well and we have a lot more room to grow."

—Biff Alden



ON THE STICK: Hun School boys' lacrosse defenseman Chris Loy patrols the field in action last spring. Last Friday, Loy and the Raiders had a tough time stopping Hopewell Valley as Hun fell 10-7. The Raiders, now 3-3, play at Notre Dame on April 18 and at Princeton High on April 19 before hosting Voorhees on April 22.

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PHS

Baseball: Despite a big day from centerfielder Nick Miranda, PHS fell 7-1 to Notre Dame last Friday. Miranda went 3-for-4 with a run as PHS fell to 0-6 on the season. The Little Tigers play at Princeton Day School on April 18 and at Allentown on April 21.

Softball: Unable to get its offense going, PHS lost 9-0 to Notre Dame last Monday.

Last Friday, PHS notched

its first win of the year as it topped Franklin High 7-4. Sophomore Deanna Boehm got the win on the mound and went 3-for-4 at the plate.

PHS, now 1-6 is slated to start play in the Mercer County Tournament on April 19 and then play at Allentown on April 21.

Boys' Golf: Jon Bichsel shot an even-par 36 but it wasn't enough as PHS fell 198-202 at Westfield last Thursday. PHS has an away match at WW/P-N on April 16, home match with Steinert on April 17, a match at Moorestown High on April 18, and then a home match with Robbins-

ville on April 22.

Boys' Tennis: PHS kept rolling as it blanked Allentown 5-0 last Monday, losing only two games on the day. The Little Tigers host WW/P-N on April 16, play at Hillsborough on April 17 and then play in the Mercer County Tournament on April 21 and 23.

Stuart

Lacrosse: Stymied by Princeton Day School's deliberate offensive approach, Stuart fell 7-4 to PDS last Monday. Junior star Caroline Passano scored two goals as Stuart moved to 5-2 on the season. The Tartans host Morristown-Beard on April 16 and Lawrenceville on April 18 before playing at Peddie on April 22.

PDS

Boys' Lacrosse: Despite a big day from Jake Lipkin, PDS fell 16-8 at Peddie last Monday. Lipkin tallied three goals and added an assist as PDS moved to 2-3 on the season. The Panthers play at Notre Dame on April 16 and Voorhees on April 18 before hosting WW/P-N on April 22.

Girls' Lacrosse: Sparked by senior star Hannah Epstein, PDS edged Stuart 7-4 last Monday. Epstein fired in four goals with Cammie Linville adding two as the

Panthers improved to 4-2 on the season. PDS plays at Lawrence High on April 16, at Rutgers Prep on April 17, and at Hun on April 21.

Boys' Golf: Despite a superb effort from John Inman, PDS fell 226-238 to Blair last Wednesday. Inman shot a match-best 38 in the nine-hole competition. The Panthers, now 0-3, have a match on April 17 before hosting Rutgers Prep on April 22.

Boys' Tennis: Senior stars David Holland and Neil Karandikar posted wins but it wasn't enough as PDS fell 5-4 to the Princeton University JV team last Monday. In upcoming action, the Panthers host Hun on April 16 and play at Lawrenceville on April 18 before competing in the Mercer County Tournament on April 21 and 23.

Hun

Baseball: Led by the hitting of Steve Giannacio, John Gianis, and David Putman, Hun topped WW/P-S 14-3 last Monday. Giannacio was 2-for-3 with two runs while Gianis smacked a homer and Putman tallied four RBIs. In upcoming action, the Raiders, now 6-0, will play at the Hill School on April 16 and at Hamilton High on April 17 before hosting Blair Academy on April 19 and Steinert on April 22.

Boys' Tennis: Sweeping the two doubles matches, Hun edged Chestnut Hill 3-2 last Saturday. The Raiders, now 2-2, play at Princeton Day School on April 16 before competing in the Moorestown Classic on April 18 and 19 and in the Mercer County Tournament on April 21 and 23.

Lawrenceville

Softball: Rebecca Hu had a big day at the bat but it wasn't enough as Lawrenceville fell 9-3 to visiting Steinert last Monday. Hu smacked two doubles as the Big Red fell to 2-6 on the season. Lawrenceville hosts Germantown Academy on April 16 and Hun on

April 18, plays at Nottingham on April 19, and then hosts Princeton Day School on April 21.

Girls' Lacrosse: Virginia Savage led the way as Lawrenceville cruised to a 16-0 victory at Blair last Saturday. Savage fired in four goals with Kelsey Smith and Perry McCarthy chipping in three apiece. The Big Red, now 2-2, play at Stuart on April 18 before hosting WW/P-N on April 19.



MIE OH MY: Princeton High girls' lacrosse star Mie Graham races up the field in action earlier this season. Last Friday, Graham scored a goal and had two assists but it wasn't enough as PHS lost 12-11 at Hightstown. The Little Tigers, who moved to 2-3 with the loss, play at Pennington on April 17.

(Photo by Bill Allen/AJ SportAction)



HAYMAKER: Hun School freshman pitcher Meghan Hayes displays her pitching form. Last Thursday, Hayes tossed a four-hit shutout as Hun blanked Peddie 1-0, handing the Falcons their first defeat in Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) play since 2006. In upcoming action, Hun, which improved to 2-2 with the win, hosts Princeton Day School on April 16, plays at Lawrenceville on April 18, and then hosts Ewing on April 19.

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Local Sports

PHS Athletic Hall of Fame Accepting Nominations

The Princeton High Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is currently accepting nominations for the induction of its fourth class.

Nomination forms can be obtained by going to the PHS website at www.prs.k12.nj.us and hitting the Athletics link or by calling Kathy Herzog in the PHS athletics office at (609) 806-4290.

The nomination forms must be returned by April 30.

Patriots Baseball Opens with Win

The Princeton Patriots 14-and-under baseball team defeated the Hamilton Bulls 13-7 fast Sunday at Barbara Smoyer Park in opening day action in the United States Amateur Baseball League.

The Patriots got timely hitting from Tyfer Osterman and Philip Pecora, with Nick Senatore and Andrew Fosina providing outstanding de-

fense, and stellar pitching.

The Patriots are next in action on April 20 at 1 p.m. at Smoyer Park in Princeton.

PNRA Rowers Hosting Regatta

The Princeton National Rowing Association (PNRA) and the ISA are hosting the 2008 Mercer Lake Sprints on April 19.

The event will combine the highly successful Mercer Lake Sprints and the ISA Sculling Championships, previously held in Lorton, Va. on Lake Occoquan.

The races will start at 8:30 a.m. For more information on the event, log onto the PNRA website, www.rowpnra.org.

Senior Softball League Seeking Players

The Mercer Senior Softball Association is currently forming teams for its 2008 season.

There are Over-50 and Over-60 leagues which have openings for players. The leagues play at Mercer County Park and have games two evenings a week.

For more details on the program and registration, contact Richard Conti at (609) 586-4531.

Wood Bat League Registration Underway

The Garden State Baseball League will be offering its wood bat league again this year.

The program caters to middle school, high school, and college players ages 13 and up. The league begins play on June 1.

For more information on the program, call (732) 382-4610 or e-mail johnngsbl@aol.com. Additional details are available online by logging onto www.Gardenstatebaseball.com.

Princeton Day to Host Figure Skating Event

Princeton Day School is hosting the New Jersey Figure Skating Championships later this month.

The competition for high school skaters will take place at Lisa McGraw rink on the PDS campus from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 26.

The event is sanctioned by United States Figure Skating (USFS) and consists of free skating, compulsory moves, dance and team maneuvers. At least 22 skating clubs are expected to compete including a team from PDS.

Rec Department Hosting Hoops Camps

The Princeton Recreation Department is hosting two weeks of basketball camps for boys this summer.

"Camp Carter" is open to students who will be entering grades 5 through 9 in September of 2008. Jason Carter, the Princeton High boys' basketball head coach, will serve as the Camp Director.

There are two one-week sessions of camp. The first week is from July 14-18 while the next session runs from August 4-8. The camp day goes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the instructional portion of the camp taking place between 1 and 3 each day. Campers have the option of coming to Community Park Pool at 3 each day and swimming until 5.

All camp sessions will take place at PHS' new gymna-

sum. Daily activities will include general skill work, live game play, 3-on-3 competition, 1-on-1 skill work, and much more. Campers will swim at Community Park Pool at the end of each camp day.

For more information, please visit the Rec Department website at www.princetonrecreation.com, or call the department office at (609) 921-9480. Registration forms can be downloaded from the website.

Princeton Girls' Softball Recent Results

In action last week in the Princeton Girls Softball Association (PGSA) majors division, the California Golden Bears topped the Baylor Bears 11-6. Jessica Campisi starred on the mound for Cal while Julie Zink and Mary Travers each got a hit and scored twice. Oraya Zinder sparked Baylor from the lead-off spot, scoring two runs.

On Friday, the UCLA Bruins topped California 11-2 as Charlotte Gray got the win on the mound.

A day later, the UCLA Bruins defeated the Baylor Bears 4-3. Gray performed well again on the mound for UCLA. Madison Cahill-Sanidas kept the Bears close by shutting out the Bruins through three innings. The Bruins scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to take a 3-1 lead. The Bears rallied as Katie Kanter hit a two-out RBI single to tie the game 3-3 in the top of the fifth. The Bruins won 4-3 on a walk-off steal of home.

In action last Monday, California blanked Baylor 7-0. Isha Rahman and Jessica Campisi combined on the shutout for Cal.

Lawrenceville School Big Red Race May 4

The Lawrenceville School will be hosting its fifth annual Big Red Race on May 4.

The event features a five-kilometer run beginning at 10:15 a.m. which takes place on a fast, flat, twisting course in and around the Lawrenceville campus.

Children will race a variety of distances starting at 9 a.m. on the outdoor track of the school's Keuffel Stadium on the football field/track.

All races will be held rain or shine.

All proceeds from the race go directly to support Lawrence Township children who have been selected to attend the Lawrenceville School Camp, a summer camp that has been enjoyed by underprivileged youths for more than a century.

Runners and spectators are encouraged to bring non-perishable, canned food donations for the Big Red Race's Food Drive in support of local community agencies fighting hunger in the Lawrence area. Last year, more than \$8,000 to benefit the Camp, and 700 pounds of food to assist local families, was collected.

There is an \$18 non-refundable pre-registration fee for adults (\$20 for those who register on race day). Pre-registration for high school students is \$10 (\$15 for those who register on race day).

There is no fee for the children's races, but participants instead are asked to bring a non-perishable, canned food donation in lieu of the normal entry fee. Food donation bags will be available for purchase on race day as well. All children will receive a finisher's medal and T-shirt.

For additional information and to register for the Big Red Race, log onto the Lawrenceville School website at www.lawrenceville.org.

org and hit the Big Red Race link on the athletics page.

Princeton Elite Soccer Seeking More Players

The Princeton Elite Soccer Academy (PESA) has openings for players interested in playing in its program.

The PESA, founded last October, is dedicated to providing the best possible service to its players, regardless of whether the player is highly ambitious or a casual player seeking to keep fit and have fun.

Currently, the PESA has two boys' teams, the current NJ State Cup Champion, U-17 Boys Princeton Elite Union 90 and U-11 Boys Princeton Elite Metros.

If players or teams would like to join PESA they don't have to be elite players or teams but with the training provided by the PESA professional staff they have the chance to reach a higher level in the game.

The PESA will hold its first tryouts for the 2008/2009 season on the St. Joseph's Seminary fields starting on April 28.

For more information, please log onto to PESA website at www.princetonelitesoccer.org.

Further details on the PESA are also available by contacting Director of Training, Stoyan Pumpalov, at stoyanpumpalov@hotmail.com or (609) 356-2982.



HERO'S WELCOME: Princeton University graduate student U.S. Army Captain Mark Crow and Colin Frawley, 12, enjoy the moment after Crow threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Princeton Little League Baseball Opening ceremonies at the Grover Field complex. Captain Crow, who served two tours of duty in Iraq, was given the honor of throwing out the pitch as a representative of the more than 1.3 million Americans serving in active military duty. Little League Board President Roxanne List and Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand gave opening remarks to the teams who lined the infield of Grover Field No. 2. Princeton Little League, with the help of 35 sponsors from throughout the Greater Princeton area, will be playing games throughout the week at the Grover and Farmview complexes.

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For more information about classes and the Baha'i Faith, call Wendy Kvalheim at 609-683-8929 or go to the web at www.bahai.org. Sunday classes are from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Lanning School, 1925 Pennington Road, (Rte. 31) just south of the entrance to College of New Jersey. All are welcome. Please join us.

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Wednesday, April 16

7:30 p.m.: Talk by journalist Chris Hedges, author of *I Don't Believe in Atheists*; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Concert by Johannesburg, South Africa's Roodean School Girl's Choir; Princeton High School Performing Arts Center. Free.

8 p.m.: St. Petersburg State Ballet, Corman; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Elaine May's *Roger is Deod*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Thursday at 2 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

8 p.m.: Euripides' *The Trojan Women*; Spitz Studio Theater, Fine Arts Building, Rider University, Lawrenceville. Also Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 17

12:15 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory at Nassau recital with Barton & Lehner Piano Duo; Niles Cha-

pel, Nassau Presbyterian Church. Free.

4:30 p.m.: Talk by United Nations' Anne Le More on "International Assistance to the Palestinians After Oslo: Political Guilt, Wasted Money"; Bowl 016, Robertson Hall, Princeton University.

7:30 p.m.: McCarter Live at the Library talk by A Seoguli in the Homptons playwright/director Emily Mann; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: Ragamala Music and Dance Theater; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Cancelled.

8 p.m.: Jam band Juicy Country; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

11:30 p.m.: Jazz at Café Vivian with Princeton University Jazz Composers Collective; Frist Campus Center, Princeton University.

Friday, April 18

7 to 10 p.m.: Big Band Dance featuring Princeton High School's Studio Band; P.H.S. cafeteria.

8 p.m.: Dryden Ensemble; Trinity Church. Also Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church,

Doylestown, Pa.

8 p.m.: Lewis Center for the Arts' Program in Theater and Dance presentation of "Dance Quanta"; Berlind Theatre. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Cyrono de Bergero; Heritage Center, 635 North Delmorr Avenue, Morrisville, Pa. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 6 p.m.

8 p.m.: Disney's *High School Musical*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *At First Sight*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: "Feast of Madrigals" by Westminster Kantorei; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Glee Club performing Mendelssohn's *Elijah*; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Student production of *Macbeth*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Program in Theater &

Dance Senior Thesis Dance Performance; Berlind Theatre. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8:15 p.m.: Princeton Folk Music Society concert of Scottish folk music by Enoch Kent; Christ Congregation Church.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Joey Vega and Alan Marx; Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club, Princeton Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Earth Day Celebration; Skating Rink, Mercer County Park, Old Trenton Road, West Windsor.

11 a.m.: Children's concert with Disney Recording Artist Ralph Covert; McCarter Theatre.

Noon: Celebrity Charity Scrabble Tournament; Trenton Marriott Hotel.

2 and 4 p.m.: Dr. Doolittle; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor.

3 to 5 p.m.: Princeton Symphony Orchestra's flute master class with flutist Jayn Rosenfeld; Princeton Public Library. Free.

6:30 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet, Hopewell Valley Bistro & Inn, Hopewell.

7 p.m.: New Jersey State "Guns N' Hoses" boxing championships; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton.

7 p.m.: Brad Sherrill's *The Gospel of John*; Nassau Presbyterian Church.

8 p.m.: Beotlemonio/The Magic of the Beotles; Nicholas Music Center, Mason Gross Performing Arts Center, Douglass College, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: South Asian Dance Dimensions Competition; Richardson Auditorium.

8:30 p.m.: Jazz band Swinging Poodles; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Sunday, April 20

11 a.m.: The Odyssey

Experience; McCarter Theatre.

2 to 5 p.m.: Small Miracles Foundation's Piano-a-thon; Princeton Public Library.

4 p.m.: Talk by Dr. Ghada Karmi on "Israel's Dilemma and the One State Solution"; Friend Center 101, Princeton University.

5 p.m.: Westminster Concert Bell Choir spring concert; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

6 p.m.: Nassau at Six concert with soprano Sungji Kim and classical guitarist Stanley Alexandrowicz; Nassau Presbyterian Church.

Monday, April 21

7:30 p.m.: Second Chance Cinema's Princeton premiere screening of *Deep Water*; Kresge Auditorium, Princeton University.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Pro Musica symposium on Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem*; Erdman Center, 20 Library Place.

8 p.m.: Literary Fiction Book Group discussion of John O'Hara's *Butterfield 8*; Barnes & Noble, Market-Fair, Route 1.

Tuesday, April 22

4:30 p.m.: Talk by Princeton University Prof. Amaney Jamal on "Muslim Americans: Enriching or Threatening American Democracy?"; Robertson Hall Bowl 016.

8 p.m.: Elaine May's *Roger is Deod*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23

4:30 p.m.: Readings by poets James McMichael and Lucie Brock-Broido; Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Commission; Room A, Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: U.S. 1 Poets Invite series with poets Bonnie Minick and Christine E. Salvatore; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: Student Recital by jazz pianist Julia Brav; Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall.

Clubs

The YWCA Newcomers Club will host a Social Coffee on Thursday, April 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the YWCA Bramwell House to introduce prospective members to the Club and its programs. Refreshments will be served.

The purpose of the Newcomers Club is to give those new to the area a way to make friends and get acquainted with their surroundings. Those interested in membership are invited to attend a Friday with Friends, Social Coffee, and/or Interest Group activity before joining.

Fridays with Friends are held at the YWCA the second Friday of each month at 11:45 a.m. Social Coffees meet at the YWCA's Bramwell House the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Interest Groups typically meet in members' homes or at local establishments or areas of interest at varying times during the month.

For more information, call (609) 497-2100 or visit www.ywcaprinceton.org/newcomersClub.cfm.

55PLUS will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 17 at the Jewish Center of Princeton for a talk by Charles Gross, Ph.D. on "Processing of faces by the brain: a historical and personal account."

Dr. Gross is a professor of psychology at Princeton University and adjunct professor in the Department of Pediatrics, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He has served as a visiting professor, lecturer, or scientist in the U.S., Europe, South America, Japan, and China and served on many boards and committees of the American Psychological Association. He is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Cambridge.

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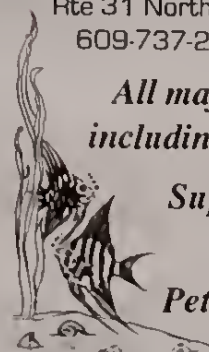
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Obituaries

John A. Wheeler

John Archibald Wheeler, a legend in physics who coined the term "black hole" and whose myriad scientific contributions figured in many of the research advances of the 20th century, has died at 96. The Joseph Henry Professor of Physics Emeritus at Princeton University succumbed to pneumonia on Sunday, April 13, at his home in Hightstown.

Over a long, productive scientific life, he was known for his drive to address big, overarching questions in physics, subjects which he liked to say merged with philosophical questions about the origin of matter, information, and the universe. He was a young contemporary of Albert Einstein and Niels Bohr, and a driving force in the development of both the atomic and hydrogen bombs. In later years, he became the father of modern general relativity.

"Johnny Wheeler probed far beyond the frontiers of human knowledge, asking questions that later generations of physicists would take up and solve," said Kip Thorne, the Feynman Professor of Theoretical Physics at the California Institute of Technology, and one of Wheeler's best-known students. "And he was the most influential mentor of young scientists whom I have known."

According to James Peebles, Princeton's Albert Einstein Professor of Science Emeritus, he was "something approaching a wonder of nature in the world of physics."

Throughout his lengthy career as a working scientist — he maintained an office in Jadwin Hall until 2006 — he concerned himself with what he termed "deep, happy mysteries." These were the laws of nature on which all else is built.

He also helped launch the careers of many prominent modern theoretical physicists, among them the late Nobel laureate Richard Feynman. He learned best by teaching. "Universities have students," he often said, "to teach the professors."

"Johnny," which is what he was called by everyone, including his children, was born in Jacksonville, Fla., on July 9, 1911, the first of four children, to Joseph and Mabel ("Archie") Wheeler, a librarian and a homemaker, respectively. The family moved when Joseph changed jobs, which happened frequently. Over the years, they lived in Florida, California, Ohio, Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Vermont. Mr. Wheeler discovered science through books his father brought home for the family to help him judge whether they were worth purchasing for the library. He devoured Sir John Arthur Thomson's *Introduction to Science* and Franklin Jones's *Mechanisms and Mechanical Movements*, and was guided by the second book to build a combination lock, a repeating pistol, and an adding machine — all from wood.

The first in his family to become a scientist, he headed to Johns Hopkins University at

16 on a scholarship, finishing in 1933, at age 21, with a doctoral degree in physics. He went on to work at the University of Copenhagen with the physicist Niels Bohr, with whom he co-wrote the original paper on the mechanism of nuclear fission that helped lead to the development of the atomic bomb. After World War II, he joined the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory Project for a year, playing a central role in developing the hydrogen bomb and serving as a mentor to Mr. Feynman. In 1951, he set up Project Matterhorn at Princeton's new Forrestal Research Center.

He served as a member of the Princeton faculty from 1938 until his retirement in 1976, after which he served as director of the Center for Theoretical Physics at the University of Texas-Austin until 1986.

Looking back over his career, he divided it into three parts. Until the 1950s, a phase he called "Everything Is Particles," he was looking for ways to build all basic entities, such as neutrons and protons, out of the lightest, most fundamental particles. The second part, which he termed "Everything Is Fields," was when he viewed the world as one made out of fields in which particles were mere manifestations of electrical, magnetic and gravitational fields, and space-time itself. More recently, in a period he viewed as "Everything Is Information," he focused on the idea that logic and information form the bedrock of physical theory.

In the fall of 1967, he was invited to give a talk on pulsars, then-mysterious deep-space objects, at NASA's Goddard Institute of Space Studies in New York. As he spoke, he argued that something strange might be at the center, what he called a gravitationally completely collapsed object. But such a phrase was a mouthful, he said, wishing aloud for a better name. "How about black hole?" someone shouted from the audience.

That was it. "I had been searching for just the right term for months, mulling it over in bed, in the bathtub, in my car, wherever I had quiet moments," he later said. "Suddenly this name seemed exactly right." He kept using the term, in lectures and papers, and it stuck.

He received numerous honors over the years, including the National Medal of Science, the Albert Einstein Prize, the Enrico Fermi Award, the Franklin Medal, the Niels Bohr International Gold Medal and the Wolf Foundation Prize. In 2001, the University used a \$3 million gift to establish a new professorship, the John Archibald Wheeler/Battelle Professorship in Physics, in honor of his research and service.

What drove him is expressed in his autobiography, *Geons, Black Holes and Quantum Foam*: "I like to say, when asked why I pursue science, that it is to satisfy my curiosity, that I am by nature a searcher, trying to understand. Now, in my 80s, I am still searching. Yet I know that the pursuit of science is more than the pursuit of understanding. It is driven by the creative urge, the urge to construct a vision, a map, a picture of the world that gives the world a lit-

tle more beauty and coherence than it had before."

"He had a wonderful life, and we're all celebrating it," said his eldest daughter Letitia Wheeler Ufford of Princeton. "He was a wonderful, loving father."

Despite his sunny disposition, said Ms. Ufford, he carried with him a secret sadness. "He was devoted to the memory of his younger brother, Joe, a Ph.D. in American history with a wife and child, who was killed in the bitter fighting against the Germans in northern Italy."

Pre-deceased by his wife, Janette Hegner Wheeler, who died last October, he is survived by his three children: Ms. Ufford; James English Wheeler of Ardmore, Pa.; and Alison Wheeler Lahston of Princeton. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

Burial will be private at his family's gravesite in Benson, Vt. There will be a memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday, May 12, at the Princeton University Chapel. The family asks that gifts be made to Princeton University, the University of Texas-Austin for the John Archibald Wheeler Graduate Fellowship, or to Johns Hopkins University.

Brian Gage

Brian Gage, 59, of Hopewell, died April 11. He was a leading dealer in art and antiques and the owner of Brian Gage Antiques in Hopewell.

He will be remembered for the passion he had for both his business and his family.

He is survived by his wife, Maria; a daughter, Alexandra; and a brother, Allan. Friends are invited to meet at the Cromwell-Immordino Memorial Home, 71 East Prospect Street, Hopewell, today, April 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, April 17 from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. service.

For directions to the funeral home, visit www.immordinofunerals.com.

John S. Flower

John Sebastian Flower, 87, of Princeton, died April 6 at home.

He was born in Denver, Colorado, to Ludlow and Mary Maroney Flower. His grandparents were John Sebastian and Nellie Ludlow Flower and Lawrence and Catherine Bolland Maroney. His paternal grandfather moved to Denver in 1880 from St. Mary's County, Maryland, where his family had lived since the 17th century.

Mr. Flower attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he played varsity football. On the day after Pearl Harbor, he decided to enlist and joined the Merchant Marine, serving as a navigator with the equivalent rank of a 2nd Lieutenant. His active service took him to all the major theaters of war: the Pacific, Atlantic, and Mediterranean.

After the war, he moved to California. He achieved his greatest success working for Bechtel Corporation, which

sent him to Saudi Arabia as a troubleshooter. His last position before retirement was as a project procurement manager in Bechtel's Phoenix office. In October 2005 he moved to Princeton to be closer to family members.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Franci Peterson, and an older brother, Ludlow Flower Jr. He is survived by his wife, Helen; two children, Stephen Flower of Hayden, Idaho, and Michael Flower of Princeton; a brother, Lawrence of Evergreen, Colo.; a sister, Mary Virginia LaMay of Reno, Nev.; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church in Skillman. Interment will be at the Flower Family Mausoleum in Denver.

Arrangements are by The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue.

Thomas C. Myers

Thomas Cooper Myers, 54, of Northampton, Mass., died March 11 with his family by his side and Beatles music playing in the background, after liver transplant surgery.

He grew up in Princeton. After graduating from Princeton High School in 1972, he attended Berklee School of Music in Boston. He then pursued a career in music, becoming known in the Northampton area during the late 1970s and early '80s for his talent as a keyboard player, songwriter, and singer with the Elevators, a group that signed with Arista Records. When the group disbanded, he moved to New York City, then to Minneapolis before settling back in Northampton in the late '90s. Throughout that time he continued to write, play, and record, creating music for several films, commercials, and music libraries.

He was predeceased by his father, John Myers of Savannah, Ga. He is survived by his beloved Cheryl Delcece of Northampton; his mother, Margaret Wellington of Princeton; a brother, John of Arcata, Calif.; two sisters, Sally of South Dartmouth, Mass. and Fairlie of Waltham, Mass., his living donor for the transplant; and brothers by his father's second marriage, David of Wellfleet, Mass. and Rob of Martha's Vineyard.

A private memorial is planned. Memorial donations may be sent to Amnesty International.

Bernhard W. Anderson

A memorial service for Bernhard Word Anderson will be held in the Miller Chapel of Princeton Theological Seminary on Saturday, April 19, at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Princeton Theological Seminary, the Society for Biblical Literature, or the National Council on Values in Higher Education.

Mary Larkin Griep

Mary Larkin Griep, 91, of Wyndbrook West Apartments in East Windsor, died April 5 at University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Princeton, she had been a resident of East Windsor since 1965. She was retired from RCA Laboratories in Princeton, where she had been employed for 42 years as a library assistant.

She was a communicant at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Hightstown, a member of the Anthonian Seniors, and a member of the Autumn Club in Hightstown. An avid bird watcher, she was fond of all animals and was a staunch defender of wildlife rights.

Daughter of the late Anna and James Larkin and wife of the late Leonard R. Griep, she is survived by her godchildren, Susan and Stephen Zorochin of Manasquan.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated April 11 at St. Paul's Church. Burial followed in St. Paul's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either A.P.A.W. or SAVE. Arrangements were under the direction of the Kimble Funeral Home.

Kathryn P. Vaurio

Kathryn Poor Vaurio, 94, of Princeton, died April 7 at Acorn Glen. A longtime resident of Swarthmore, Pa., she had moved to Acorn Glen in 2002.

Born and raised in Etna Green, Indiana, she graduated from Ohio Northern University and received a master's in speech pathology from Purdue University. She taught school in Etna Green, South Haven, Michigan, and Washington, D.C., and helped introduce and develop clinical speech programs in the Neenah, Wisconsin and Princeton school systems. From 1963 until her retirement in 1984 she worked as a clinical speech therapist in the Pennsylvania public schools through the Delaware County Intermediate Unit in Media, Pa. After her retirement from the public schools, she received further training at Temple University and worked for another ten years, helping stroke victims with speech rehabilitation. She was a lifetime member of the American Speech and Hearing Association.

Her marriage to Arvo E. Vaurio ended in divorce in 1976. She is survived by two daughters, Ann Marie Vaurio of Princeton and Elaine Lee Vaurio of Takoma Park, Md.; a sister, Eleanor Moseley of Deerfield, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, where she had been an active member

for many years, on Saturday, May 24 at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, 727 Harvard Avenue, Swarthmore, Pa. 19081, for the purposes of its Hunger Task Force. Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Margaret Pirone

Margaret Pirone, 97, a former resident of Princeton, died April 9 in Jacksonville, Florida.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Nick Pirone Sr.; a daughter, Jeanette Baker; a son, Nick Pirone Jr.; and a granddaughter, Linda Baker. She is survived by a son, Vincent Pirone of Sun City Center, Fla.; a daughter, Elinor Hall of Jacksonville, Fla.; a sister, Alice Pullen; six grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Monday, April 14 at St. Paul's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street, Princeton 08542.

Arrangements were by the Kimble Funeral Home.

G.K. Ratliff

G.K. Ratliff, 63, of Ewing Township, died April 3 at Waters Edge Nursing Home in Trenton.

Born in Wadesboro, North Carolina, he had been a Ewing resident for 36 years.

He was a graduate of McRae High School in Morven, N.C., and Mercer County Community College. He served in the United States Army.

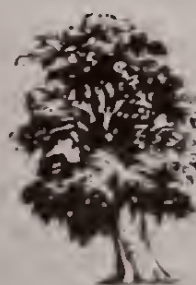
He was employed by Business Supply Company, where he worked as a pressman; Question Distribution Company; Avery Label; Phillip Lighting; Mariot Distribution; and C.C.L. Labors.

A former member of Deep Creek Baptist Church in Wadesboro, he was a member of the First Baptist Church in Princeton at the time of his death.

Son of the late Levi and Bertha Ratliff, he was predeceased also by his siblings Leroy Ratliff, Mary Huntley, Eulah Huntley, and Margie Ratliff. He is survived by his wife, Betty L. Ratliff; a son, Theodis A. Ratliff Sr.; four brothers, Claude Ratliff, Edward Ratliff, John C. Ratliff, and Robert Ratliff; a sister, Hester Phox; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

The funeral service was April 11 at First Baptist Church in Princeton. Interment was at Ewing Cemetery.

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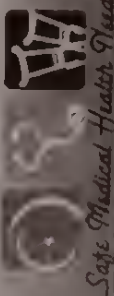
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The Gospel of John is a one-man "live" performance of the fourth gospel in its entirety. Since its premiere in 2000, Mr. Sherrill's performances have included a six-week off-Broadway run at New York City's Lamb's Theatre (2003) and theater runs in Washington D.C., Toronto, Atlanta, and Chicago.

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simple props used in a variety of ways, Mr. Sherrill transforms the gospel into a drama, presenting the entire story of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. An estimated 80,000 people across the country have now seen the show.

"An amazing achievement" wrote Kathy Janich in her review for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "The overriding question here is whether the word of God can work as a drama. Sherrill proves that it most certainly and successfully can."

Mr. Sherrill has acted professionally in Atlanta since 1983. He was selected by Atlanta Magazine in 2000 as Atlanta's Best Dramatic Actor and by Creative Loafing magazine in 2001 as Atlanta's Best Actor. He has performed in 15 productions at Atlanta's Alliance Theatre and is an Artistic Associate for the Georgia Shakespeare Theatre.

The performance is co-sponsored by Nassau Presbyterian Church, The Bible Department of Princeton

Theological Seminary, Christ Congregation, First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, and The Erdman Center, Princeton Theological Seminary's Center of Continuing Education.

Tickets for the performance are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and may be purchased at the Church office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, or by mail sent to Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton 08542. Mail order tickets will be held at the door. For further information call (609) 924-0103 or visit www.nassauchurch.org.

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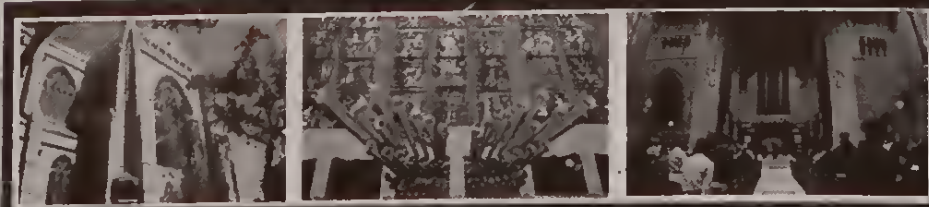
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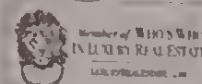
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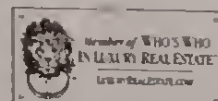
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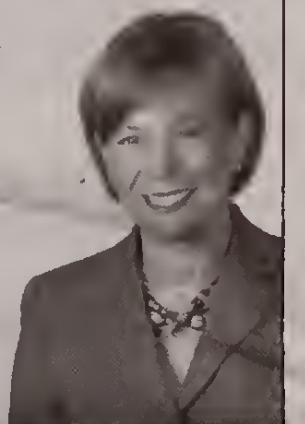
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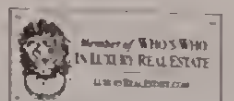
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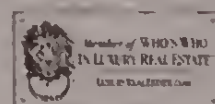
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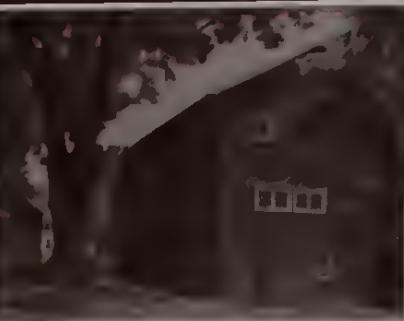
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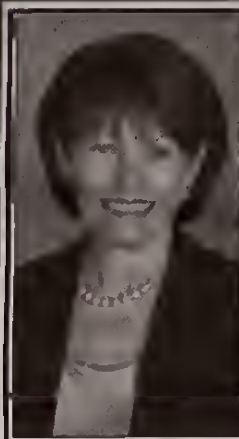
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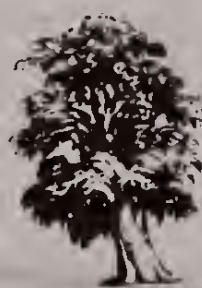
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